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 JOBSEEKER’S ALLOWANCE – EXTENDED PERIOD OF SICKNESS

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 introduction

1 This memo provides guidance regarding amendments to the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 in relation to extended periods of sickness introduced by the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 (SR 2017/116). These changes come into operation on 27.9.171.

*1 The Social Security (Misc Amdts) Regs (NI) 2017, reg 1(7)*

 background

2 These regulations clarify

 **1.** how the extended period of sickness and the short periods of sickness can be used by the claimant

 **2.** the medical evidence required when a claimant’s period of sickness extends beyond two weeks

 **3.** the effect of a change in the reason for the sickness during the extended period of sickness.

 **CALCULATING THE TWO SHORT PERIODS OF SICKNESS**

3 When calculating the two occasions when the short period sickness can apply, any occasion where the claimant initially satisfies the conditions for the short period of sickness but the sickness continues beyond two weeks so that they then satisfy conditions for the extended period of sickness, shall be disregarded as a short period of sickness1.

*1 JSA Regs (NI) 16, reg 45(7)*

**SICKNESS TYPE**

4 Where during an extended period of sickness, the type of disease or disablement that the claimant is suffering from changes, the claimant can still continue to satisfy the conditions for the extended period of sickness up to the maximum of 13 weeks1.

*1 JSA Regs (NI) 16, reg 46(1)*

 MEDICAL EVIDENCE

5 Where the period for which a person is sick extends beyond two weeks and the person satisfies the other conditions for the extended period of sickness, the claimant will have to provide a doctors statement or other evidence of incapacity for work or limited capability for work purposes and any other additional information as the Department requires1.

*1 JSA Regs (NI) 16, reg 46(3A)*

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