

for bringing Part I of the Act into operation, and that any such Order may modify the provisions of the Act so far as may appear necessary or expedient for carrying the Order into effect:

And whereas it is enacted by sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Act that the sums available for defraying the expenses of sanatorium benefit in each year shall be one shilling and three pence in respect of each insured person resident in the county or county borough and such further sum as is mentioned in the said sub-section:

And whereas it is provided by sub-section (1) of section 61 of the Act that all sums available for sanatorium benefit shall be paid or credited to Insurance Committees at the commencement of the year:

And whereas by the National Health Insurance (Sanatorium Benefit, etc.) Order, 1912, it was provided that for the purpose of defraying the expenses of sanatorium benefit during the period between the 15th day of July, 1912, and the 12th day of January, 1913, both inclusive (in this Order referred to as "the initial period"), there should be deducted from the several amounts from time to time standing to the credit of persons who were deposit contributors and from the respective amounts standing to the credit of Approved Societies, such sums (not exceeding the respective amounts specified in the said Order) as might be determined by the Commissioners to be necessary for the purpose of meeting the expenditure incurred in connection with the provision of sanatorium benefit during the initial period:

And whereas it was further provided by the said Order that, as respects the year 1913, the commencement of the year should for the purposes of section 61 of the Act be taken to be the 13th day of January:

And whereas the expenditure incurred by Insurance Committees during the initial period was in the case of most of the Committees less than the aggregate sum which would have been produced by deductions made under the said Order, if those deductions had been made at the maximum rates allowed under the said Order, together with the moneys which would have been provided by Parliament, but most of the said Committees incurred liabilities during the initial period which were not discharged during that period but will fall to be defrayed during the current year:

And whereas for the purpose of enabling Insurance Committees to meet the liabilities which were incurred by them as aforesaid during the initial period and are still outstanding, and which if this Order were not made would have to be met out of funds which should properly be devoted to the expenditure of the current year, it is desirable to make provision for the payment to Insurance Committees of such further amounts as might have been paid to them if the deductions under the said recited Order had been made at the maximum rate:

And whereas difficulties have arisen in ascertaining the numbers of insured persons resident in the areas of Insurance Committees at the commencement of the current year:

And whereas by reason of the premises a difficulty has arisen in bringing Part I of the Act into operation;

Now therefore the Commissioners in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by

section 78 of the Act, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

1.—(1.) For the purpose of defraying the expenses of sanatorium benefit incurred during the initial period there shall be deducted at such times and in such manner as the Commissioners may direct from the several amounts from time to time standing to the credit of persons who were deposit contributors within the meaning of the said recited Order and from the respective amounts standing to the credit of Approved Societies, the respective sums specified in the Schedule to this Order, and all sums so deducted shall be apportioned between the several Insurance Committees in proportion to the number of insured persons resident in their respective areas:

Provided that no deduction shall be made under the foregoing provision from the amount standing to the credit of any deposit contributor in respect of contributions paid while he was a person not entitled to sanatorium benefit, and the contributions paid by any person not entitled to sanatorium benefit shall not be taken into account in calculating the amount to be deducted from the amount standing to the credit of an Approved Society.

(2.) For the purposes of this Order the expression "person not entitled to sanatorium benefit" means an insured person whom the Insurance Committee have no power to recommend for sanatorium benefit.

(3.) For the purpose of calculating the sums to be deducted from the amounts standing to the credit of a deposit contributor, where only three or any less number of contributions have been paid in respect of the contributor, those contributions shall be deemed to be four contributions, and where five or any greater number of contributions have been paid any three or less number of contributions in excess of any multiple of four contributions shall be deemed to be four contributions.

2. For the purpose of ascertaining the sums to be paid to an Insurance Committee for defraying the expenses of sanatorium benefit during the initial period, the number of insured persons resident in the area of the Committee during that period shall be taken to be the number of persons so resident on the 29th day of October, 1912, and for the purpose of ascertaining the sums to be so paid in respect of the year 1913 the number of insured persons so resident at the commencement of the year shall be taken to be the mean between the number of persons so resident on the 29th day of October, 1912, and the number of insured persons so resident on the 14th day of April, 1913.

3. This Order may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Sanatorium Benefit) Order, 1913.

Given under the Seal of Office of the said Insurance Commissioners this 31st day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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*Claud Schuster,*

Secretary to the Insurance Commissioners.

We consent to this Order.

*John W. Gulland,*

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Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.