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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1992**

**THE SOCIAL SECURITY SND STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY (EVIDENCE OF  
PREGNANCY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2026**

**MADE – 09 MARCH 2026 S.R. 2026 No. 44**

**DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I enclose for laying before the Assembly an electronic copy of the above-named Statutory Rule and Explanatory Memorandum.

The Rule is subject to the negative resolution procedure before the Assembly.

I understand you will send electronic copies of those documents to the Departmental Committee, the Examiner of Statutory Rules and the Assembly Library.

There has been no change in policy content since the SL1 was submitted to the Communities Committee on 19 February 2026 and considered at its meetings on 26 February 2026 and 5 March 2026.

The Great Britain comparable Instrument is the Social Security and Statutory Maternity Pay (Evidence of Pregnancy and Compensation of Employers) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (S.I. 2026/201).

Yours faithfully

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Signed for the Department for Communities

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