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I, DARA CALLEARY, Minister for Social Protection, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 (amended by section 14 and reference 1 of the Schedule to the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2024 (No. 24 of 2024)) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005, and by reference 19 (amended by section 26 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2010 (No. 37 of 2010)) in Table 2 of Schedule 3 to the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005, with the consent of the Minister of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services Reform and Digitalisation, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and construction**

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 1) (Income Disregard) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations and the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2025 shall be construed together as one and may be cited together as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2026.

**Definition**

2. In these Regulations—

“Principal Regulations” means the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 142 of 2007);

“Regulations of 2025” means the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No.2) (Income Disregard) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No.276 of 2025).

**Income disregard**

3. The Principal Regulations are amended—

(a) in article 8(3), (amended by article 3(a) of the Regulations of 2025), by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (e):

“(ea) any payments made under the Non-Statutory Inquiry into the licensing and use of Sodium Valproate in Women of Child-Bearing Potential in the State,”

(b) in article 155, (amended by article 3(b) of the Regulations of 2025), by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (e):

“(ea) any payments made under the Non-Statutory Inquiry into the licensing and use of Sodium Valproate in Women of Child-Bearing Potential in the State,”

and

(c) in article 174, (amended by article 3(c) of the Regulations of 2025), by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (j):

“(ja) any payments made under the Non-Statutory Inquiry into the licensing and use of Sodium Valproate in Women of Child-Bearing Potential in the State.”

The Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services Reform and Digitalisation consents to the making of the foregoing Regulations.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
19 January, 2026.

JACK CHAMBERS,  
Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public  
Services Reform and Digitalisation.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
21 January, 2026.

DARA CALLEARY,  
Minister for Social Protection.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

These Regulations provide that any payments made under the Non-Statutory Inquiry into the licensing and use of Sodium Valproate in Women of Child-Bearing Potential in the State will be disregarded in the means test for social assistance payments, increases for qualified adults and the Working Family Payment.

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