

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 S.S.I. 2006/142

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred on Scottish Ministers by sections 75A, 105(7) and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The policy objective is to provide for the National Waiting Times Centre Board (“NWTCB”) to pay to entitled patients the relevant travelling expenses, including, where applicable, overnight accommodation expenses, they incur in travelling to receive treatment at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Beardmore Way, Dalmeir, Clydebank.

These regulations also provide that in each case where expenses are repaid to a patient by the NWTCB, the NWTCB shall be reimbursed by the Health Board responsible for the healthcare of the person receiving treatment.

Regulation 2(3)(a) amends the Regulations to increase the contribution, to be made by persons resident in the Highlands and Islands, towards the relevant travelling expenses from £8 to £10 when the relevant travelling expenses are more than a prescribed amount, which has also been amended from £8 to £10.

Regulation 2(6) amends the Regulations to increase the capital limits to be used in calculating entitlement to the payment of travel expenses and remission of charges for people under 60.

Regulation 2(7) amends the Regulations to increase the capital limits to be used in calculating entitlement to the payment of travel expenses and remission of charges for people permanently residing in certain types of accommodation.

Regulation 3 makes transitional provision to ensure that payments of relevant travelling expenses shall only be made by the National Waiting Times Centre Board in respect of claims received on or after 1st April 2006.

Consultation

There has been no formal, public consultation during the preparation of the instrument.

Financial Effects

This instrument will have no financial implications for the Scottish Executive or NHSScotland as the overall cost of patient reimbursement will not change.