

POLICY NOTE

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND REMISSION OF CHARGES) (SCOTLAND) (NO. 2) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2013

SSI 2013/327

1. The above Regulations are being made in exercise of the powers conferred on the 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

2. The purpose of these Regulations is to amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (“the principal Regulations”) in relation to student funding and disregards when assessing a student's entitlement to benefits through the NHS Low Income Scheme.

3. The amendments introduce a disregard for bursaries when calculating entitlement to help through the NHS Low Income Scheme to ensure that Scottish students from low income households do not have a less favourable outcome than those from a better off household.

4. The amendments also update references that set out the entitlement to grants and loans available to students in England and Wales. Certain amounts of student maintenance grants are disregarded in calculating the entitlement of students to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of health charges under the principal Regulations.

Financial Effects

5. None.

Consultation

6. There has been no consultation in respect of these Regulations as there is no change to existing policy.

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