



# National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 58

## PART I

### DUTIES AND POWERS OF SECRETARY OF STATE

#### **4 Prevention of illness, care and after-care**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall make arrangements, to such extent as he considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements, for the purposes of the prevention of illness, the care of persons suffering from illness or the after-care of such persons.
- (2) Regulations may provide for the recovery of such charges as may be prescribed, in respect of such services provided by the Secretary of State under this section, otherwise than in a hospital, as may be prescribed, and may provide for the remission of any such charge, in whole or in part, in such circumstances as may be prescribed.
- (3) In this section and in section 5 of this Act, "hospital" includes any maternity home, any institution for the reception and treatment of persons during convalescence or persons requiring medical rehabilitation, any institution for providing dental treatment and maintained in connection with a dental school, and clinics, dispensaries and out-patient departments maintained in connection with any hospital or such institution or home as aforesaid.