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## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (Expenses in attending Hospitals)  
(Scotland) Regulations 1974

<i>Made</i>	- - -	14th March 1974
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st April 1974

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3(4) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(a), as amended by Part I of Schedule 6 to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972(b), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Expenses in attending Hospitals) (Scotland) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Secretary of State shall pay the travelling expenses necessarily incurred or to be incurred by a person (including the travelling expenses of a companion) in attending a hospital for the purpose of availing himself of hospital services provided under the National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1973(d) if it is determined under such arrangements as may from time to time be made by the Secretary of State that, in the circumstances of the case, the payment of such expenses by the patient would involve hardship:

Provided that—

- (a) if it is determined as aforesaid that the patient may reasonably be required to bear a part of such expenses the balance only shall be payable by the Secretary of State: and
- (b) the travelling expenses of a companion shall not be payable by the Secretary of State if a Health Board determine that, having regard to the age or health of the patient or other relevant circumstances, it was unnecessary for the patient to be accompanied.

4.—(1) The National Health Service (Expenses in attending Hospitals) (Scotland) Regulations 1950(e) are hereby revoked.

(a) 1947 c. 27.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(e) S.I. 1950/1251 (1950 I, p. 1442).

(b) 1972 c. 58.

(d) 1973 c. 32.

(2) Section 38 of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply as if these regulations were an Act of Parliament and as if the regulations revoked by these regulations were an Act of Parliament repealed by an Act of Parliament.

*William Ross,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh.  
14th March 1974.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations, which provide for the payment of the travelling expenses of patients attending hospital where it is determined that payment by the patients themselves would involve hardship, replace the National Health Service (Expenses in attending Hospitals) (Scotland) Regulations 1950.

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