

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988 (“the 1988 Regulations”) which provide for the remission and repayment of certain charges which would otherwise be payable under the National Health Service Act 1977 and for the payment by the Secretary of State of certain travelling expenses.

Regulation 2 amends paragraph 4 and Table B in Part II of Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations. Regulation 2(2) provides for taking into account community charges in Scotland. The amendments to Table B in regulation 2(3) provide for capital and interest payments made under a hire purchase agreement to buy a dwelling to be taken into account in assessing housing costs and increases the deductions to be made in respect of housing costs in respect of non-dependants.