STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1346

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996

Made - - - - 20th May 1996

Laid before Parliament 21st May 1996

Coming into force - - 11th June 1996

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred on him by sections 83A, 126(4) and 128(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 11th June 1996.

Voluntary Payments

- **2.** In Table A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988(**2**) (modifications of provisions of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987) after the entry relating to regulations 54 to 60 there shall be inserted the following entry—
 - (a) in column (1) the words "Regulation 65"; and
 - (b) in column (2) the words—

"As if for the words "No part" there were substituted the words "(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, no part".

^{(1) 1977} c. 49; section 83A was inserted by section 14(1) of the Social Security Act 1988 (c. 7) and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49) and by paragraph 18(5) of Schedule 9 to the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) ("the 1990 Act"). Section 126(4) was amended by section 65(2) of the 1990 Act. Section 128(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meanings assigned to the words "prescribed" and "regulations"; section 128(1) was amended by section 26(2)(g) and (i) of the 1990 Act.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1988/551; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/548, 1661, 1991/557, 1992/1104, 1993/608, 1995/642, 2352, 1996/410.

"As if the following paragraph were added to the regulation—

- "(2) For the purposes of this regulation and paragraph 15 of Schedule 9 "voluntary payment" shall not include any payment made by a person whose income a Minister of the Crown or an education authority—
 - (a) would take into account in assessing the amount of a student's grant if an application for it were to be made;
 - (b) has taken into account in assessing the amount of a student's grant and which is in excess of contributions as assessed by a Minister of the Crown or an education authority."."

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

Gerald Malone Minister of State, Department of Health

20th May 1996

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988 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 of travelling expenses incurred in attending a hospital. Regulation 2 amends the financial disregards applied in calculating student income.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on businesses.