EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in consequence of a defect in the State Pension Credit (Consequential, Transitional and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3019) ("the 2002 Regulations"). These Regulations will be issued free of charge to all known recipients of the 2002 Regulations.

These Regulations amend paragraphs 10 and 11 of Schedule 2 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967) ("the 1987 Regulations") as a consequence of the amendment of paragraph 12(1)(c) of that Schedule by the 2002 Regulations.

The amendments made by regulation 2 of these Regulations enable a person to continue to be eligible for a higher pensioner premium or, as the case may be, disability premium where payment of his or his partner's attendance allowance or disability living allowance has been suspended or abated because the person or his partner is in hospital and provided that other conditions are satisfied (regulation 2(2) and (3)).

Consequential amendments are also made to paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to the 1987 Regulations as a result of the amendment of sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph by the 2002 Regulations (regulation 2(4)).

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.