STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 213

The Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Size Criteria) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017

Amendments to the Universal Credit Regulations 2013

- **6.** In paragraph 12 (additional room) of Schedule 4 (housing costs element for renters) to the Universal Credit Regulations 2013(1)—
 - (a) before sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - "(A1) A renter is entitled to an additional bedroom if one or more of the following persons satisfies the overnight care condition (see sub-paragraph (3))—
 - (a) the renter;
 - (b) a person in the renter's extended benefit unit;
 - (c) a child in respect of whom the renter satisfies the foster parent condition (see sub-paragraphs (4) and (5)).";
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) omit paragraph (a);
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) omit "(see sub-paragraphs (4) and (5))";
 - (iii) in paragraph (c) after "sub-paragraph (6))" insert—
 - (d) the disabled person condition (see sub-paragraph (6A))";
 - (c) for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—
 - "(2) Sub-paragraphs (A1) and (1) apply subject to sub-paragraphs (8) and (9).".
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (3)—
 - (i) for "a renter satisfies" substitute "a person satisfies";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for "care for the renter" substitute "care for the person";
 - (e) after sub-paragraph (6) insert—
 - "(6A) A renter satisfies the disabled person condition if they would (but for the provisions of this paragraph) be expected to share a bedroom with a joint renter and—
 - (a) the renter is in receipt of—
 - (i) the care component of disability living allowance at the middle or highest rate;
 - (ii) attendance allowance at the higher rate;
 - (iii) the daily living component of personal independence payment; and
 - (b) the renter is, by virtue of their disability, not reasonably able to share a bedroom with the joint renter.";

- (f) omit sub-paragraph (7);
- (g) for sub-paragraph (9) substitute—
 - "(9) The renter is, or joint renters are, entitled to one additional bedroom for each of the following that apply—
 - (a) one or more persons satisfy the overnight care condition;
 - (b) the renter, or one or both of joint renters, satisfies the foster parent condition;
 - (c) the renter, or one or both of joint renters, satisfies the disabled child condition; or
 - (d) the renter, or one or both of joint renters, satisfies the disabled person condition.".