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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 171**

**The National Health Service (Amendments Relating to Pre-Payment Certificates, Hormone Replacement Therapy Treatments and Medicines Shortages) Regulations 2023**

**Citation, commencement, extent, application and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Amendments Relating to Pre-Payment Certificates, Hormone Replacement Therapy Treatments and Medicines Shortages) Regulations 2023 and come into force on 1st April 2023.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and apply in relation to England only.

(3) In these Regulations—

“the Charges Regulations” means the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015(1);

“the GMS Regulations” means the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2015(2);

“the PLPS Regulations” means the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013(3); and

“the PMS Regulations” means the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements) Regulations 2015(4).

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(1) [S.I. 2015/570](#), as amended.  
(2) [S.I. 2015/1862](#), as amended.  
(3) [S.I. 2013/349](#), as amended.  
(4) [S.I. 2015/1879](#), as amended.