EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, further amend the National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2007 ("the principal Regulations"). Those Regulations provide for the payment of travel expenses and the remission of National Health Service charges for, amongst others, persons on low incomes, by reference to limits on their income and capital.

In calculating a person's resources and requirements under the principal Regulations in order to establish whether a person can claim entitlement to the remission of NHS charges and payment of NHS travelling expenses, a modified version of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 is applied.

Regulation 3 updates references to student funding regulations in Wales, England and Northern Ireland. These set out the entitlement to grants and loans available to students. Certain amounts of student maintenance grants are disregarded in calculating the entitlement of students to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of charges under the principal Regulations.