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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are the first commencement regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under the Health and Care Act 2022 (“the Act”). They bring into force section 161(2) of the Act in relation to Wales on 22 November 2022.

Section 161(2) amends section 88 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006. Section 88 confers a power on the Welsh Ministers to make regulations in relation to determining remuneration for persons providing pharmaceutical services. Section 161(2) of the Act amends the powers that enable regulations to be made to establish different payment arrangements for special medicinal products to include products for vaccinating and immunising, medicines or drugs used for preventing or treating pandemic or potential pandemic diseases, and associated products.