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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

**The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012**

Made - - - - *13th March 2012*

Laid before the Scottish Parliament *15th March 2012*

Coming into force - - *1st May 2012*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98 and 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 and come into force on 1st May 2012.

Amendment of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989

2.—(1) The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989(b) are amended as follows.

(a) 1978 c.29. Section 98 was amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c.49), section 7(13) and (14). Section 105(7), which was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5 and Schedule 7, by the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41), Schedule 9, paragraph 24 and by the Health Act 1999 (c.8), Schedule 4, paragraph 60, contains provisions relevant to the exercise of the powers under which these Regulations are made. Section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46), section 53.

(b) S.S.I. 1989/364, as amended by S.I. 1992/411, 1994/1770, 1998/251 and S.S.I. 2004/369, 2006/141 and 2008/290.

(2) After regulation 5(f) (exemption from charges for treatment the need for which arose during the visit) insert—

“or

- (g) in the United Kingdom between 16th July 2012 and 10th August 2012 inclusive as part of the “Games Family” (in this regulation “Games Family” means the group of individuals who are taking part or involved in the Olympic or Paralympic Games in London 2012 and who have been given a letter code for the purpose of receiving free treatment the need for which arose during the visit to the United Kingdom).”.

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13th March 2012

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 5 of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 exempts certain categories of overseas visitors from the requirement to pay for treatment the need for which arose during a visit to the United Kingdom. These Regulations amend Regulation 5 to include within those categories visitors who are taking part or involved in the Olympic or Paralympic Games in 2012. It is anticipated that members of the Games Family will be in Scotland in the period from 16th July to 10th August 2012, inclusive, for the football matches that are taking place in Glasgow as part of the Games.

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