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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 1622 (W. 166)**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, WALES**

**The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2014**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>20 June 2014</i>
<i>Laid before the National Assembly for Wales</i>	- -	<i>24 June 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>19 July 2014</i>

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 124 and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Title, commencement, application and interpretation**

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2014 and they come into force on 19 July 2014.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

(3) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” (“*y pri Reoliadau*”) means the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 1989<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Amendment to the principal Regulations**

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation) omit the definition of “the relevant period”.

(3) In regulation 5 (exemption from charges for treatment the need for which arose during the visit), for paragraph (g) substitute—

“(g) an individual who is in the United Kingdom—

(i) as part of the “Commonwealth Games Family”, as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4, during the period from 19 July 2014 to 7 August 2014 inclusive;

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(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) S.I. 1989/306 as amended by S.I. 1991/438; S.I. 1994/1535; S.I. 2004/1433 (W.146); S.I. 2008/2364 (W.203); S.I. 2009/1175 (W. 102); S.I. 2009/1512 (W.148); S.I. 2009/1824 (W.165); S.I. 2009/3005 (W.264); S.I. 2010/927 (W.94) and S.I. 2011/2906 (W.310).

- (ii) as part of the “IPC Athletics European Championships Family”, as defined in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4, during the period from 14 August 2014 to 27 August 2014 inclusive; or
  - (iii) as a “NATO delegate or accredited person”, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 4, during the period from 2 September 2014 to 6 September 2014 inclusive.”.
- (4) Omit Schedule 3 (Games Family).
- (5) After Schedule 3 (Revocations) insert the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 5(g)

Definition of Commonwealth Games Family, the IPC Athletics European Championships Family and a NATO delegate or accredited person

1. “Commonwealth Games Family” —means the group of individuals who are taking part or are involved in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 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.
2. “IPC Athletics European Championships Family” —means the group of individuals who are taking part or involved in the International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”) Athletics European Championships in Swansea.

This includes the following groups:

- Athletes – comprising athletes and their supporting team officials participating in the Championships as accredited members of the IPC or local organising committee (“LOC”);
- Technical officials – comprising the team of individuals that officiates the field of play and athletic areas at the Championships;
- Press – comprising the IPC or LOC accredited representatives of photographic and written press;
- Broadcasters – comprising the IPC or LOC accredited broadcast personnel and all the Championships-related rights holding broadcasting organisations;
- Championships family – comprising the IPC or LOC organisations (and their constituents), Chairs and Chief Executive Officers (or equivalent).

3. “NATO delegate or accredited person” —means a delegate or a NATO accredited person attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (“NATO”) summit in Newport in 2014.

This includes the following groups:

- Heads of State or Government of any of the nations represented at the summit – comprising the person responsible for carrying on the business of government and/or for leading the team of Ministers who control the central institutions of the government and the state;
- Ministers of any of the nations represented at the summit;
- Foreign Secretaries of any of the nations represented at the summit – comprising the persons who are the principal advisors on foreign policy;
- Defence Secretaries of any of the nations represented at the summit – comprising the persons who are the principal advisors on defence policy;
- Officials – comprising individuals officially assigned to support the categories above;
- Accredited Security – comprising the team of individuals assigned to security duties;
- Media representatives – comprising NATO accredited representatives of the photographic and written press.”.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 1989 (“the principal Regulations”).

Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations sets out the circumstances in which an overseas visitor will be exempt from charges for treatment the need for which arose during the overseas visitor’s visit to the United Kingdom.

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations to provide an exemption for individuals who are in Wales as part of the Commonwealth Games Family during the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow between 19 July and 7 August 2014, as part of the IPC Athletics European Championships Family during the International Paralympic Committee European Athletics Championships in Swansea between 14 and 27 August 2014 and as accredited persons attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit between 2 and 6 September 2014.

Regulation 2(5) inserts a new Schedule 4 into the principal Regulations which defines what is meant by “Commonwealth Games Family”, “IPC Athletics European Championships Family” and “NATO delegate or accredited person”.

These Regulations also revoke Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations which provided an exemption for individuals who were part of the Games Family during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London 2012 .

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.