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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 631 (W. 51)**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, WALES**

**The National Health Service (Welfare Reform  
Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2015**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>9 March 2015</i>
<i>Laid before the National Assembly for Wales</i>	- -	<i>10 March 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1 April 2015</i>

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 71, 128, 129, 130, 131, and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup> hereby make the following Regulations:

**Title, commencement and application**

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the National Health Service (Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2015 and they come into force on 1 April 2015.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“the 1986 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 1986*”) means the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986<sup>(2)</sup>;

“the 1997 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 1997*”) means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997<sup>(3)</sup>; and

“the 2007 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2007*”) means the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2007<sup>(4)</sup>.

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(1) 2006 c. 42.  
(2) S.I. 1986/975 as amended.  
(3) S.I. 1997/818 as amended.  
(4) S.I. 2007/1104 (W. 116) as amended.

**Amendment of the 1986 Regulations**

3. In regulation 13(2)(q) of the 1986 Regulations for “31 March 2015” substitute “31 March 2016”.

**Amendment of the 1997 Regulations**

4. In regulation 8(3)(q) of the 1997 Regulations for “31 March 2015” substitute “31 March 2016”.

**Amendment of the 2007 Regulations**

5. In regulation 5(1)(aa) of the 2007 Regulations for “31 March 2015” substitute “31 March 2016”.

**Revocation**

6. The National Health Service (Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014(5) are revoked.

9 March 2015

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the Welsh Ministers

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the [National Health Service \(General Ophthalmic Services\) Regulations 1986 \(1986/975\)](#) (“the 1986 Regulations”), the [National Health Service \(Optical Charges and Payments\) Regulations 1997 \(1997/818\)](#) (“the 1997 Regulations”) and the [National Health Service \(Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2007 \(2007/1104 \(W.116\)\)](#) (“the 2007 Regulations”).

Regulation 3 amends the 1986 Regulations consequential upon the introduction of universal credit by the [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(2012 c. 5\)](#) (“the 2012 Act”).

Regulation 4 amends the 1997 Regulations consequential upon the introduction of universal credit by the 2012 Act.

Regulation 5 amends the 2007 Regulations consequential upon the introduction of universal credit by the 2012 Act.

These Regulations revoke the [National Health Service \(Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2014 \(2014/460 \(W. 53\)\)](#) (“the 2014 Regulations”).

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.