EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 ("the 1996 Regulations"), which make arrangements under which dentists provide general dental services as part of the National Health Service in Scotland.

Regulation 2(2) amends the table set out in regulation 22(1) of the 1996 Regulations to substitute a new matter for determination V in the Statement of Dental Remuneration, changing it from "Maternity payments" to "Maternity, paternity and adoptive leave payments". This will enable the Scottish Ministers to make provision in the Statement of Dental Remuneration for paternity and adoptive leave payments, as well as for maternity payments.

Regulation 2(3) amends Schedule 4 to the 1996 Regulations to increase from £270 to £280 the amount specified as the maximum cost, or likely cost, of care and treatment which a dentist may undertake without seeking the prior approval of the Scottish Dental Practice Board.