

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreement) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (“the principal Regulations”) which regulate the provision of primary medical services under agreements under section 17(C) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

These Regulations make changes to the principal Regulations as a consequence of new arrangements for the independent prescribing of drugs, medicines and appliances by nurses. Independent nurse prescribers, unless they are community practitioner nurse prescribers, will no longer be limited to prescribing from a particular formulary.

Regulation 2(a) substitutes a new definition of “independent nurse prescriber”.

Regulation 2(c) substitutes a new definition of “supplementary prescriber”.