EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ("the GMS Regulations"), the National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ("the Section 17C Regulations") and the National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Performers Lists) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ("the Performers Lists Regulations").

Regulation 2 makes amendments to the GMS Regulations in relation to those eligible to hold contracts in light of changes to the registration of general practitioners. It also makes changes to the obligations on contractors to issue medical certificates free of charge and inserts a new provision regarding provision of information to various representatives of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Regulations 3 makes changes to the obligations on providers to issue medical certificates free of charge and inserts a new provision regarding provision of information to various representatives of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Regulation 4 updates a reference to in the Performers Lists Regulations in relation to the undertakings which are required in an application for inclusion on a performers list.