
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

**The National Health Service (Charges to
Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th March 1989</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>15th March 1989</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>5th April 1989</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 98, 105 and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 and shall come into force on 5th April 1989.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;

[^{F1}“authorised child” means a child who has either been granted leave to enter the United Kingdom with his parent for the purpose of the parent obtaining a course of treatment in respect of which no charges are payable under regulation 6A or is the child of an authorised companion;]

[^{F1}“authorised companion” means a person who has been granted leave to enter the United Kingdom to accompany a person who is obtaining a course of treatment in respect of which no charges are payable under regulation 6A;]

“child” means a person who is—

(a) under the age of sixteen; or

(1) 1978 c. 29; section 98 was amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 7(13) and (14); section 105, which was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5 and Schedule 7 and by the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41), Schedule 9, paragraph 24, contains provisions relevant to the making of Regulations; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made.

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- (b) under the age of nineteen and treated for the purposes of the Child Benefit Act 1975⁽²⁾ or the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975⁽³⁾ as receiving full time education at an educational establishment recognised under that Act or that Order;

“Continental Shelf”, except in a reference to a designated area of the Continental Shelf, means the sea-bed and subsoil of the submarine area (other than in the Baltic or Mediterranean Seas, including the Adriatic and Aegean, or the Black Sea) adjacent to the coasts, lying north of the latitude of 25 degrees north and between the longitude of 30 degrees west and 35 degrees east, of the territory (including islands) of—

- (a) any country situated on the Continent of Europe, or
(b) the Republic of Ireland,

where the submarine area is outside the seaward limits of the territorial limits of those countries and the Republic of Ireland and is an area with respect to which the exercise by any of them of sovereign rights in accordance with international law is recognised by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom;

[^{F2}“dental list” means a list maintained by a Health Board in terms of regulations made under section 25(2)^{F3} of the Act;]

“designated area of the Continental Shelf” means any area which is for the time being designated by an Order in Council under the Continental Shelf Act 1964⁽⁴⁾ as an area within which the rights of the United Kingdom with respect to the sea-bed and subsoil and their natural resources may be exercised;

[^{F2}“general dental services” is to be construed in accordance with section 25(1)^{F4} of the Act;]

“Health Board” means a Health Board constituted under section 2 of the Act;

“member of the family”, in relation to a national of a Member State or a stateless person or refugee entitled to receive treatment by virtue of regulations made by the Council of the European Communities under Article 51 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, means a member of the family as defined for the purpose of such regulations⁽⁵⁾;

[^{F5}“Member State” means a State which is a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ^{F6} but until that Agreement comes into force in relation to Liechtenstein does not include the State of Liechtenstein;]

[^{F2}“ophthalmic list” means a list maintained by a Health Board in terms of regulations made under section 26(2)^{F7} of the Act;]

[^{F2}“ophthalmic medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner having the qualifications prescribed under regulations made under section 26(1) of the Act^{F8};]

“overseas visitor” means a person not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom;

“reciprocal agreement” means arrangements mutually agreed between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom for providing health care;

“refugee” means a person who is a refugee within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees 1951⁽⁶⁾ and Article 1 of the Protocol relating to the Status of

(2) 1975 c. 61

(3) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16).

(4) 1964 c. 29

(5) See Article (f) of Council Regulation No. 1408/71, O.J. No. L149/2, 5.7.71 (O.J./S.E. 1971(II) p.416) and Council Regulation No. 1390/81, O.J. No. L143, 12.5.81.

(6) Cmd. 9171 of 1954.

Refugees 1967(7) and any other person taking refuge in the territory of a Member State with leave of the Government of that State;

“services forming part of the health service” means accommodation, services and other facilities provided under section 3(1) of the Act (the Secretary of State’s duty to provide accommodation and services) [^{F9}or general dental services, or general ophthalmic services, or personal dental services] other than accommodation and services made available under section 57 of the Act(8) (accommodation and services for private resident and non-resident patients);

“ship or vessel” includes hovercraft;

“stateless person” has the meaning assigned to it in Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons 1954 (9);

“treatment” includes medical, dental and nursing services required for the care of women who are pregnant or in childbirth or for the prevention or diagnosis of illness;

“treatment the need for which arose during the visit” means diagnosis of symptoms or signs occurring for the first time after the visitor’s arrival in the United Kingdom and any other treatment which, in the opinion of a medical or dental practitioner employed by, or under contract with, a Health Board, is required promptly for a condition which arose after the visitor’s arrival in the United Kingdom, or became, or but for treatment would be likely to become, acutely exacerbated after such arrival.

(3) In calculating for the purpose of any provision of these Regulations a period of residence in the United Kingdom, any interruption by reason of temporary absence of not more than three months shall be disregarded.

(4) Unless the context otherwise requires, in these Regulations any reference to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation in or, as the case may be, the Schedule to these Regulations which bears that number, and any reference in a regulation to a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph bearing that number in that regulation.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 1\(2\)](#) inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2**
- F2** Words in [reg. 1\(2\)](#) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/141\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(a)**
- F3** Section 25(2) was extended by the [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49\)](#), [section 17](#) and amended by the [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19\)](#), [section 40\(2\)](#) and Schedule 9, paragraph 19(6), by the [National Health Service \(\(Primary Care\) Act 1997 \(c. 46\)](#), (“the 1997 Act”), Schedule 2, paragraph 43 and Schedule 3 and by the [Health Act 1999 \(c. 8\)](#), [section 56\(3\)](#).
- F4** Section 25(1) was restricted in its application by the 1997 Act, section 1(5)(b).
- F5** Words in [reg. 1\(2\)](#) substituted (3.8.1994) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/1770\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2**
- F6** See the [European Economic Area Act 1993 \(c. 51\)](#).
- F7** Section 26(2) is substituted by the [Smoking Health and Social Care \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 13\)](#) (“the 2005 Act”), section 19 in terms of [S.S.I. 2006/121](#) with effect from 1st April 2006.
- F8** Section 26(1) was amended by the [Health and Social Security Act 1984 \(c. 48\)](#) section 1(7) and Schedule I Part II, paragraph 1, extended by the [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49\)](#) sections 17(1) and 13(4), and is amended by the 2005 Act, section 13(2) in terms of [S.S.I. 2006/121](#) with effect from 1st April 2006.

(7) Cmnd. 3906 of 1968.

(8) The Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 7(11) substituted (for sections 57 and 58 of the Act) a new section 57.

(9) Cmnd. 1098 of 1960.

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F9 Words in [reg. 1\(2\)](#) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/141\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(b)**

Commencement Information

I1 [Reg. 1](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Making and recovery of charges

2.—(1) Where a Health Board provides an overseas visitor with services forming part of the health service, that Health Board, having determined, by means of such enquiries as it is satisfied are reasonable in all the circumstances, including the state of health of that overseas visitor, that the case is not one in which these Regulations provide for no charge to be made, shall make and recover from the person liable under regulation 7 charges for the provision of those services.

(2) A Health Board which makes and recovers a charge in accordance with paragraph (1) shall give or send to the person making the payment a receipt for the amount paid.

[^{F10}(3) Where an overseas visitor receives:—

- (a) general dental services in a Health Board's area from a dental practitioner on that Health Board's dental list, or
- (b) general ophthalmic services in a Health Board's area from an ophthalmic medical practitioner or an ophthalmic optician on that Health Board's ophthalmic list, or
- (c) personal dental services from a dental practitioner in terms of an agreement made with a Health Board under section 17C^{F11} of the Act or a pilot scheme under Part I of the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997^{F12} (as the case may be),

the dental practitioner, ophthalmic medical practitioner or ophthalmic optician providing such general dental services, general ophthalmic services or personal dental services, having determined, by means of such enquiries as that person is satisfied are reasonable in all the circumstances, including the state of health of that overseas visitor, that the case is not one in which these Regulations provide for no charge to be made, shall make and recover from the person liable under regulation 7 charges for the provision of those services as such charges are determined by the Health Board.

(4) A dental practitioner, ophthalmic medical practitioner or ophthalmic optician who makes and recovers a charge in accordance with paragraph 3 shall give or send to the person making the payment a receipt for the amount paid.]

Textual Amendments

F10 [Reg. 2\(3\)\(4\)](#) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/141\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3**

F11 Section 17C was inserted by the 1997 Act sections 21(2) and 41(3). Relevant amendments are the Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2004, asp 1, section 2(2)(a), 2(2)(b), 2(2)(c), 2(2)(d) and 2(2)(e).

F12 1997 c. 46.

Commencement Information

I2 [Reg. 2](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Services exempted from charges

3. No charge shall be made in respect of any services forming part of the health service provided for an overseas visitor—

- (a) at a hospital accident and emergency department [^{F13}or casualty department] unless and until he has been accepted as an in-patient at the hospital for treatment of the condition in respect of which such services are provided; or
- (b) otherwise than at, or by staff employed to work at, or under the direction of, a hospital [^{F14}except in the case of general dental services, or general ophthalmic services, or personal dental services provided as mentioned in regulation 2(3)]; or
- (c) for treatment in respect of a disease listed in Schedule 1; or
- (d) at a special clinic for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases or in respect of a sexually transmitted disease by virtue of a reference from such a clinic, but in the case of services which relate to infection with any Human Immunodeficiency Virus, only to the extent that they consist of a diagnostic test for evidence of infection with any such Virus and counselling associated with that test or its result;
- (e) who is detained in a hospital [^{F15}under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003] or any other enactment authorising orders for admission to, and detention in, hospital by reason of mental disorder; or
- (f) with a view to the improvement of his mental condition where submission to the treatment is, under section 184(1) or 385(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975(10), included by the Court in a probation order under section 183(1) or 384(1) of that Act(11).

Textual Amendments

- F13** Words in [reg. 3\(a\)](#) substituted (3.8.1994) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/1770\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 3](#)
- F14** Words in [reg. 3](#) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/141\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 4](#)
- F15** Words in [reg. 3\(e\)](#) substituted (5.10.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Modification of Subordinate Legislation\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/445\)](#), [arts. 1, 2, sch. para. 6](#)

Commencement Information

- I3** [Reg. 3](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Overseas visitors exempt from charges

[^{F16}4.—(1)] No charge shall be made in respect of any services forming part of the health service provided for an overseas visitor, being a person or the spouse [^{F17}, civil partner] or child of a person—

- (a) who is shown to the satisfaction of the Health Board to be present in the United Kingdom or in a designated area of the Continental Shelf or, if his employer has his principal place of business in the United Kingdom, in or over any area of the Continental Shelf, or on a stationary structure within the territorial waters of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of—
 - (i) engaging in employment as an employed or self-employed person; or
 - (ii) working as a volunteer with a voluntary organisation that is providing a service similar to a relevant service as defined in sections 64(3)(b) and 65(3)(c) of the Health

(10) [1975 c. 21](#); sections 184(1) and 385(1) were amended by the [Mental Health \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 36\)](#), Schedule 3, paragraphs 29(a) and 36(a).

(11) Sections 183(1) and 384(1) were amended by the [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 41\)](#), Schedule 1, paragraph 10; section 384(1) was also amended by the [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 62\)](#), section 53(1).

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Services and Public Health Act 1968⁽¹²⁾, in section 16B of the Act⁽¹³⁾ or service to which article 71 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972⁽¹⁴⁾ applies; or

^{F18}(iii)

- (iv) taking up permanent residence in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) who has resided [^{F19}lawfully] in the United Kingdom for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding the time when the services are provided, whether or not immediately prior to [^{F20}this residence qualification being met], charges under these Regulations may have been made in respect of services provided as part of the same course of treatment; or
- (c) who has been accepted as a refugee in the United Kingdom, or who has made a formal application for leave to stay as a refugee in the United Kingdom; or
- (d) who is employed on a ship or vessel registered in the United Kingdom; or
- (e) who is in receipt of any pension or other benefit under a Personal Injuries Scheme, Service Pensions Instrument or a 1914-1918 War Injuries Scheme as defined in regulation 2(1) of the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations 1979⁽¹⁵⁾; or
- (f) who is a diplomatic agent for the purposes of the Articles of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations set out in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964⁽¹⁶⁾; or
- (g) who is a member of Her Majesty's United Kingdom Forces; or
- (h) who is some other Crown servant employed in the right of Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom, having been recruited in the United Kingdom; or
- (i) who is an employee, recruited in the United Kingdom, of the British Council or the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; or
- (j) who is working in employment that is financed in part by the Government of the United Kingdom in accordance with arrangements made with the Government of some other country or territory or a public body in such other country or territory; or
- (k) who has at any time had not less than ten years' continuous [^{F21}lawful] residence in the United Kingdom and is engaged in employment as an employed or self-employed person outside the United Kingdom—
 - (i) that has not lasted for a period of five years; or
 - (ii) that has lasted for five or more years, if he takes or has a contractual right to take home leave in the United Kingdom at least once in every two years or if he has a right, under the contract by which he was engaged, to have the cost of his passage to the United Kingdom paid on completion of his engagement; or
- (l) who is employed in another Member State and who is contributing as an employed or self-employed earner under the Social Security Act 1975⁽¹⁷⁾ or the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975⁽¹⁸⁾; or

⁽¹²⁾ 1968 c. 46; section 64 ceased to have effect with regard to Scotland by virtue of section 3 of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41) ("the 1983 Act"), and was amended by S.I. 1968/1699, by the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), Schedule 4, paragraph 125(2) and by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), Schedule 1, paragraph 19(1)(4).

⁽¹³⁾ Section 16B was inserted by the 1983 Act, section 3.

⁽¹⁴⁾ S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

⁽¹⁵⁾ S.I. 1979/597; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1980/1927

⁽¹⁶⁾ 1964 c. 81

⁽¹⁷⁾ 1975 c. 14

⁽¹⁸⁾ 1975 c. 15

- (m) who, in the case of a national of a Member State, a refugee or a stateless person, has entitlement to the provision of the services in question by virtue of regulations made by the Council of the European Communities under Article 51 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community or, in the case of a national of another country, is entitled to be provided with such services by virtue of an agreement entered into between that Community and any other country; or
- (n) whose detention in prison or in an institution provided by the Secretary of State under section 31(1) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952⁽¹⁹⁾ is for the time being authorised by law; or who is detained under the provisions of the Immigration Act 1971⁽²⁰⁾; or
- (o) in whose case the services are provided in circumstances covered by a reciprocal agreement with a country or territory specified in Schedule 2 ^[^{F22}]; or]

^{[^{F23}(p)} who—

- (i) is not a national of a Member State; and
- (ii) is a national of a State which is a signatory to the European Social Charter; and
- (iii) is not entitled to be provided with such services under a reciprocal agreement specified in Schedule 2; and
- (iv) is without sufficient resources to pay the charge ^[^{F24}; or]]

^{[^{F25}(q)} who is pursuing a full time course of study.]

^{[^{F26}(2)} Where it is established that a person does not meet the residence qualification in paragraph (1)(b) and that person has already received services as part of a course of treatment on the basis that no charges would be made, no charges may be made for the remainder of that course of treatment.]

Textual Amendments

- F16** Reg. 4(1) substituted for reg. 4 (28.9.2004) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/369), regs. 1(1), **3(1)(a)**
- F17** Words in reg. 4(1) inserted (5.12.2005) by The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Modification of Subordinate Legislation) Order 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/572), arts. 1, **6**
- F18** Reg. 4(a)(iii) revoked (4.3.1998) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/251), regs. 1(1), **2(1)(a)**
- F19** Word in reg. 4(1)(b) inserted (28.9.2004) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/369), regs. 1(1), **3(1)(b)(i)**
- F20** Words in reg. 4(1)(b) substituted (28.9.2004) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/369), regs. 1(1), **3(1)(b)(ii)**
- F21** Word in reg. 4(1)(k) inserted (28.9.2004) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/369), regs. 1(1), **3(1)(c)**
- F22** Word in reg. 4(o) inserted (3.8.1994) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1770), regs. 1(1), **4(a)**
- F23** Reg. 4(p) inserted (3.8.1994) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1770), regs. 1(1), **4(b)**
- F24** Word in reg. 4(p) inserted (4.3.1998) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/251), regs. 1(1), **2(1)(b)**
- F25** Reg. 4(q) inserted (4.3.1998) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/251), regs. 1(1), **2(1)(c)**

⁽¹⁹⁾ 1952 c. 61; section 31(1) was amended by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1963 (c. 39), section 2(1) and Schedule 5, and by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62), Schedule 7, paragraph 3(a).

⁽²⁰⁾ 1971 c. 77

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F26 Reg. 4(2) inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(2)**

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

[^{F27}Exemption from charges during long term visits by United Kingdom pensioners

4A. No charge shall be made or recovered in respect of any overseas visitor, being a person or the spouse or child of a person, who—

- (a) is in receipt of a retirement pension under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**3**) or the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**4**);
- (b) has resided in the United Kingdom for six months or more and in another member State for six months or less in the year immediately preceding the time when the services mentioned below are provided; and
- (c) is not registered as a resident of another member State,

for services forming part of the health service which he receives during the period he resides in the United Kingdom.]

Textual Amendments

F27 Reg. 4A inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), **4**

Exemption from charges for treatment the need for which arose during the visit

5. No charge for services forming part of the health service, provided only for the purpose of giving treatment the need for which arose during the visit, shall be made in respect of any overseas visitor who is—

- (a) a national of a Member State, or a stateless person or refugee, or a member of the family of any of them, resident in each case in the territory of a Member State; or
- (b) a person, or the spouse [^{F28}, civil partner] or child of a person, who has at any time had not less than ten years' continuous [^{F29}lawful] residence in the United Kingdom or not less than ten years' continuous service as a Crown servant employed in the right of Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom and is in receipt of a pension or benefit under the Social Security Act 1975 or the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975; or
- (c) a person resident in a country, other than Israel, or territory specified in Schedule 2; or
- (d) a person who is without sufficient resources to pay the charge and who is a national of a country which is a contracting party to the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance 1954(**21**); or
- (e) a person, or the spouse [^{F30}, civil partner] or child of a person, who has at any time had not less than ten years' continuous [^{F31}lawful] residence in the United Kingdom and who

(3) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16).

(4) 1964 c. 29

(21) Cmd. 9512 of 1955.

is resident in a Member State or in a country, other than Israel, or territory specified in Schedule 2 [^{F32}or

(f) an authorised child or an authorised companion.]

Textual Amendments

- F28** Words in [reg. 5\(b\)](#) inserted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(Modification of Subordinate Legislation\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/572\)](#), arts. 1, 6
- F29** Word in [reg. 5\(b\)](#) inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(a)(i)**
- F30** Words in [reg. 5\(e\)](#) inserted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(Modification of Subordinate Legislation\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/572\)](#), arts. 1, 6
- F31** Word in [reg. 5\(e\)](#) inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(a)(ii)**
- F32** [Reg. 5\(f\)](#) and word inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(b)**

Commencement Information

- I5** [Reg. 5](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Exemption from charges for treatment provided to a member of the forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

6. No charge shall be made or recovered for the provision of services forming part of the health service required for the treatment of a person to whom Article IX(5) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Status of Forces Agreement⁽²²⁾ applies, where such treatment cannot readily be provided by the medical services of the armed forces of his own country or of the United Kingdom.

Commencement Information

- I6** [Reg. 6](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

[^{F33}Exemption from charges for exceptional humanitarian reasons

6A.—(1) Where an overseas visitor who has been granted leave to enter the United Kingdom for a course of treatment applies, or someone applies on behalf of that person, for exemption from charges for services forming part of the health service, the Scottish Ministers may determine where they consider that exceptional humanitarian reasons justify it, that no charge shall be made or recovered in respect of that person and that course of treatment.

(2) Such a determination may only be made by the Scottish Ministers if they are satisfied in the case of that person that—

- (a) the treatment specified is not available in that person's home country;
- (b) the necessary arrangements have been made for temporary accommodation for that person, the authorised companion (if any) and any authorised child for the duration of the course of treatment; and

(22) Cmd. 9363 of 1955 and Cmnd. 2191 of 1963.

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- (c) the necessary arrangements have been made for the return of that person, the authorised companion (if any) and any authorised child to their home country when the course of treatment is completed.]

Textual Amendments

F33 Reg. 6A inserted (28.9.2004) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/369), regs. 1(1), 6

Liability for payment of charges

7. The person liable to pay charges payable by virtue of these Regulations shall be the overseas visitor in respect of whom the services are provided except that—

- (a) if the overseas visitor is employed to work on and for the purposes of a ship or vessel and is present in the United Kingdom in the course of such employment, the person liable to pay such charges shall be the owner of the ship or vessel on which the overseas visitor is employed; and
- (b) if the overseas visitor is employed to work on and for the purposes of an aircraft and is present in the United Kingdom in the course of such employment, the person liable to pay such charges shall be his employer.

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 7 in force at 5.4.1989, see **reg. 1(1)**

Repayments

8.—(1) Where a sum has been paid as a charge for services forming part of the health service [^{F34}, other than general dental services, or general ophthalmic services, or personal dental services,] by or on behalf of a person who, at the time services were provided for such person, was not an overseas visitor in respect of whom, or did not receive services for which, such a charge was payable, a claim for repayment of the sum may be made by presenting to the Health Board by which the charge was made and recovered—

- (a) the receipt for payment of such sum;
- (b) a declaration in support of the claim signed by or on behalf of the claimant; and
- (c) such evidence in support of the declaration as the Health Board may require.

(2) The Health Board, if satisfied by the evidence so produced that the sum to which the receipt relates was not payable by virtue of these Regulations, shall repay to the claimant the amount of any such sum.

[^{F35}(3) Where a sum has been paid as a charge for general dental services, general ophthalmic services or personal dental services forming part of the health service by or on behalf of a person who, at the time the services were provided for such person, was not an overseas visitor in respect of whom, or did not receive services for which, such a charge was payable, a claim for repayment of the sum may be made by presenting to the person by whom the charge was made and recovered—

- (a) the receipt for payment of such sum;
- (b) a declaration in support of the claim signed by or on behalf of the claimant; and
- (c) such evidence in support of the declaration as that person may require.

(4) The person who made and recovered the charge, if satisfied by the evidence so produced that the sum to which the receipt relates was not payable by virtue of these Regulations, shall repay to the claimant the amount of any such sum.]

Textual Amendments

- F34** Words in [reg. 8\(1\)](#) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/141\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(1)**
- F35** [Reg. 8\(3\)\(4\)](#) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/141\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(2)**

Commencement Information

- I8** [Reg. 8](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Revocations

9. The Regulations specified in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked.

Commencement Information

- I9** [Reg. 9](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(c)

DISEASES FOR THE TREATMENT OF WHICH NO CHARGE IS TO BE MADE

Commencement Information

I10 Sch. 1 in force at 5.4.1989, see **reg. 1(1)**

Anthrax
Bacillary dysentery
Chickenpox
Cholera
Diphtheria
Erysipelas
Food poisoning
Legionellosis
Leptospirosis
[^{F36}Lyme disease]
Malaria
Measles
Membranous croup
Meningococcal infection
Mumps
Paratyphoid fever
Plague
Poliomyelitis
Puerperal fever
Rabies
Relapsing fever
Rubella
Scarlet fever
[^{F37}Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome]
Smallpox
Tetanus
[^{F36}Toxoplasmosis]
Tuberculosis
Typhoid fever
Typhus fever
[^{F36}Viral haemorrhagic fevers]^{F38}
Viral hepatitis
Whooping cough

Textual Amendments

- F36** Words in [Sch. 1](#) inserted (3.8.1994) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/1770\)](#), regs. 1(1), [5](#)
- F37** Words in [Sch. 1](#) inserted (28.9.2004) by [The National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/369\)](#), regs. 1(1), [7](#)
- F38** This entry covers, amongst others, Argentine haemorrhagic fever (Junin), Bolivian haemorrhagic fever (Machupo), Chikungunya haemorrhagic fever, Congo/Crimean haemorrhagic fever, Dengue fever, Ebola virus disease, haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (Hantaan), Kyasanur forest disease, Lassa fever, Marburg disease, Omsk haemorrhagic fever, Rift Valley disease and Yellow fever.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 4(0), 5(c) and (e)

COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT HAS ENTERED INTO A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT

Commencement Information

- I11** [Sch. 2](#) in force at 5.4.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Anguilla

Australia

F39
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[^{F40}Barbados]

British Virgin Islands

Bulgaria

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[^{F40}Czech Republic]

Falkland Islands

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German Democratic Republic

Gibraltar

Guernsey and its bailiwick

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Hungary

Iceland

Isle of Man

Israel

Jersey

Malta

Montserrat

New Zealand

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Poland

Romania

[^{F40}Russian Federation]

[^{F40}Slovak Republic]

St Helena

Sweden

Turks and Caicos Islands

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [^{F42}except the States of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Russian Federation]^{F43}

Yugoslavia

Textual Amendments

- F39** Words in Sch. 2 revoked (3.8.1994) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1770), regs. 1(1), **6(a)**
- F40** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (3.8.1994) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1770), regs. 1(1), **6(b)**
- F41** Words in Sch. 2 deleted (4.3.1998) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/251), regs. 1(1), **3**
- F42** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (3.8.1994) by The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1770), regs. 1(1), **6(c)**
- F43** As a result of concluding its own reciprocal agreement with the UK Government in April 1993, the Russian Federation no longer comes within the reciprocal agreement previously concluded with the USSR.

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 9

REVOCATIONS

Commencement Information

- I12** Sch. 3 in force at 5.4.1989, see **reg. 1(1)**

<i>Regulations Revoked</i>	<i>References</i>
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors).(Scotland) Regulations 1982	S.I. 1982/898.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1982	S.I. 1982/1743.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/362.

<i>Regulations Revoked</i>	<i>References</i>
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1984	S.I. 1984/295.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1985	S.I. 1985/383.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1986	S.I. 1986/924.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1987	S.I. 1987/387.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1988	S.I. 1988/13.
The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1988	S.I. 1988/462.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations consolidate and replace with amendments earlier Regulations on the subject of charges for accommodation, services and other facilities provided as part of the health service in respect of persons not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom (“overseas visitors”).

The Regulations take account of changes made to section 98 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 by section 7(13) and (14) of the Health and Medicines Act 1988 to the effect that the charge to be paid by an overseas visitor is no longer prescribed in the Regulations, but is determined by the Secretary of State. The power of the Secretary of State in this regard has been delegated to Health Boards. (See the National Health Service (Functions of Health Boards) (Scotland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/446).)

Regulations 2 and 7 provide for a Health Board to make a charge and recover such charge from the person who is liable to make payment. There are exemptions from payment for certain services (regulation 3 and Schedule 1); in respect of certain overseas visitors (regulation 4 and Schedule 2); for emergency treatment (regulation 5) and for certain service personnel (regulation 6). Provision is also made for repayment where a charge was not duly made (regulation 8). The list of diseases set out at Schedule 1 has been amended in the light of the Public Health (Notification of Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/1550).

The instruments which these Regulations replace are revoked by regulation 9 and Schedule 3.

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