

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations revoke and replace the National Health Service (Functions of Family Health Services Authorities) (Prescribing Incentive Schemes) Regulations 1995 ([S.I. 1995/692](#)).

These Regulations confer a function on Health Authorities to establish and operate prescribing incentive schemes, in accordance with directions made by the Secretary of State, under which Health Authorities make payments to GP practices and one type of fund-holding practice (GP commissioning groups) in their areas which contain their prescribing costs.

A copy of the directions can be obtained from NHS Executive, Pharmacy and Prescribing Branch, Room 6/E/43, Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7UE.