## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Injury Benefits) Regulations 1995 ("the 1995 Regulations") which provide for the payment, by the Secretary of State for Health, of injury benefits to or in respect of any person engaged in the National Health Service in England and Wales whose earning ability is reduced, or who dies, as a result of an injury suffered, or a disease contracted, in the course of his or her duties.

Amendments are made in regulations 2, 3, 4 and 4A of the 1995 Regulations so as to include provision for persons employed by the Primary Care Trusts established as a result of section 2 of the Health Act 1999 (regulations 3(b) and (d), 4(a) and 6), and for persons who are members of those Trusts or of their Executive Committees (regulations 3(e), 4(b), 5 and 6).

Changes are also made in the definitions of "dental pilot scheme employee" and "medical pilot scheme employee" to make clear that individuals who are employed by corporate bodies are included within those expressions (regulations 3(a) and (c)), and in other definitions to include references to a Special Health Authority, and to omit a reference to a Family Health Services Authority (regulation 3(b) and (d)).

These Regulations do not impose any costs on business.