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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ENGLAND AND WALES

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Amendment Regulations 2001

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The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 3(2) and (4), 16(2) and 17 of the Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Act 1999(a), 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 Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Amendment Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on 28th January 2002.
- (2) In these Regulations, "the principal Regulations" means the Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Regulations 1999(b).
 - (3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales(c).

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations

- 2. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (amount of NHS Charges—Incidents on or after 2nd July 1997) shall be amended as follows—
 - (a) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£354" substitute "£402";
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£435" substitute "£494";
 - (b) in paragraph (4) for "£10,000" substitute "£30,000".

⁽a) 1999 c.3. Section 17 is cited for the definitions of "prescribed" and "regulations".

⁽b) S.I. 1999/785.

⁽c) The functions of the Secretary of State under the above mentioned powers as regards Wales remain exercisable by Westminster Ministers.

Saving

3. Notwithstanding regulation 2 above, in relation to an incident which occurred before 28th January 2002, the principal Regulations shall continue to have effect as if the amendments made by these Regulations had not been made.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

Hazel Blears
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Health

18th December 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Regulations 1999 ("the principal Regulations") which provide for a scheme for the recovery from insurers and certain other persons of charges in connection with the treatment of road traffic casualties by the National Health Service (NHS).

Amendments made to the principal Regulations by regulation 2 apply to incidents occurring on or after 28th January 2002 and: increase the charge where the traffic casualty received NHS treatment but was not admitted to hospital from £354 to £402; increase the daily charge for NHS treatment where the traffic casualty is admitted to hospital from £435 to £494; and increase the maximum charge for treatment where the traffic casualty is admitted to hospital from £10,000 to £30,000. Regulation 3 is a saving provision which maintains the current charges for accidents occurring before 28th January 2002.