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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2002**

**Termination of tenure of office**

7.—(1) A member may resign his office at any time during his term of office, by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of State.

(2) Where an existing member is appointed to be the chairman, his original tenure of office shall terminate when his appointment as chairman takes effect.

(3) Where the Secretary of State is of the opinion that it is not in the interests of the Commission or the health service that a member should continue to hold office, he may terminate his tenure of office by giving him notice in writing to that effect.

(4) If a member fails to attend any meeting of the Commission for a period of three months the Secretary of State shall terminate that person's tenure of office, unless he is satisfied that—

- (a) the absence was due to a reasonable cause; and
- (b) the person in question will be able to attend meetings of the Commission within such period as the Secretary of State considers reasonable.

(5) Where a person has been appointed to be a member, and—

- (a) it comes to the notice of the Secretary of State that at the time of his appointment he was disqualified under regulation 5, the Secretary of State shall declare that the person in question was not duly appointed and notify him in writing to that effect; or
- (b) he becomes disqualified for appointment under regulation 5, and notifies (as he should) the Secretary of State; or
- (c) he becomes disqualified for appointment under regulation 5 and this comes to the attention of the Secretary of State otherwise than by the member's notification, the Secretary of State shall notify him in writing of such disqualification,

and upon receipt of notification from the member or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, his tenure of office, if any, shall be terminated and he shall cease to act as such a member.

(6) If it appears to the Secretary of State that a member has failed to comply with regulation 10(1) (disability on account of pecuniary interest) he may terminate that person's tenure of office by giving him notice in writing to that effect.