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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 591**

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous  
Amendments) Regulations 2014**

**Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002**

7.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (2) omit the definition of “service user group”;

(b) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) References in these Regulations to a claimant participating as a service user are to—

(a) a person who is being consulted by or on behalf of—

(i) a body which has a statutory duty to provide services in the field of health, social care or social housing; or

(ii) a body which conducts research or undertakes monitoring for the purpose of planning or improving such services,

in their capacity as a user, potential user, carer of a user or person otherwise affected by the provision of those services; or

(b) the carer of a person consulted under sub-paragraph (a).”.

(3) In regulation 17A(3)(f) (earnings of an employed earner), for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(4) In regulation 18(7A) (notional income), for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(5) In regulation 24(3) (income paid to third parties), for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(6) In paragraph 9(2B) (the standard rate) of Schedule 2 (housing costs), for “0.5%” substitute “0.5 percentage points”.