

Explanatory Memorandum to the NHS (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2009

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by The Department for Health and Social Services and is laid before the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 24.1.

(i) Description

These Regulations amend the NHS (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 1989. The amendment proposed will update the list of individuals who are exempt from charges for NHS treatment.

(ii) Matters of special interest to the Subordinate Legislation Committee

None.

(iii) Purpose and intended effect of the legislation

The amendments to the Regulations are:

- A visitor from the Channel Islands will no longer be exempt from charges for free NHS Treatment.

(iv) Implementation

It is intended that these Regulations will come into force on 7 December 2009.

(v) Consultation

No consultation has taken place as the Department of Health gave notice on the bilateral agreement between the UK and the Channel Islands and the amendments to the regulations is to give effect to that decision.

(vi) Regulatory Impact Assessment

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as the legislation simply amends existing legislation.