STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1995 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1996

Made - - - 4th March 1996

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 14(3) of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1995(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and interpretation

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1995 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1996.

Appointed day

2. 1st April 1996 is the day appointed for the coming into force of all the provisions of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1995 so far as they are not already in force.

4th March 1996

Stephen Dorrell Secretary of State for Health

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st April 1996 all the remaining provisions of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1995, so far as they are not already in force. That Act amends the National Health Service Act 1977 (1977 c. 49) and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (1978 c. 29).

The provisions brought into force relate to powers of the National Health Service Tribunal in relation to opticians, ophthalmic medical practitioners and pharmacists—

- (a) to direct the interim suspension of practitioners providing family health services under the National Health Service Act 1977 and under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, and
- (b) to declare when disqualifying them from inclusion in any list of such practitioners kept, in England and Wales, by a Family Health Services Authority or, in Scotland, by a Health Board that they are not fit to be engaged in any capacity in the provision of those services.