

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (TRAVEL EXPENSES AND REMISSION OF
CHARGES) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2008**

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by Department of Health and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Travel and Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None

4. Legislative Background

4.1 These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Travel and Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003 to increase the capital limits which are used to determine when people are eligible to receive help through the National Health Service Low Income Scheme from £21,500 to £22,250 and from £13,000 to £13,500.

5. Extent

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to the negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 To increase the capital limits, at which people who live permanently in a care home and fully fund their own care, may receive help through the National Health Service Low Income Scheme (by means of having their NHS charges remitted and NHS travel expenses paid) from £21,500 to £22,250 and from £13,000 to £13,500.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

9. Contact

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