# WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2015 No. 631 (W. 51)

# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, WALES

The National Health Service (Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2015

Made - - - 9 March 2015
Laid before the National
Assembly for Wales - - 10 March 2015
Coming into force - - 1 April 2015

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 71, 128, 129, 130, 131, and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(1) hereby make the following Regulations:

#### Title, commencement and application

- 1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the National Health Service (Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2015 and they come into force on 1 April 2015.
  - (2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

## Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the 1986 Regulations" ("*Rheoliadau 1986*") means the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986(2);

"the 1997 Regulations" ("*Rheoliadau 1997*") means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997(3); and

"the 2007 Regulations" ("*Rheoliadau 2007*") means the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2007(4).

<sup>(1) 2006</sup> c. 42.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1986/975 as amended.

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 1997/818 as amended.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 2007/1104 (W. 116) as amended.

### Amendment of the 1986 Regulations

**3.** In regulation 13(2)(q) of the 1986 Regulations for "31 March 2015" substitute "31 March 2016".

## **Amendment of the 1997 Regulations**

**4.** In regulation 8(3)(q) of the 1997 Regulations for "31 March 2015" substitute "31 March 2016".

## **Amendment of the 2007 Regulations**

**5.** In regulation 5(1)(aa) of the 2007 Regulations for "31 March 2015" substitute "31 March 2016".

#### Revocation

**6.** The National Health Service (Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014(**5**) are revoked.

Mark Drakeford
Minister for Health and Social Services, one of
the Welsh Ministers

9 March 2015

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986 (1986/975) ("the 1986 Regulations"), the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997 (1997/818) ("the 1997 Regulations") and the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (2007/1104 (W.116)) ("the 2007 Regulations").

Regulation 3 amends the 1986 Regulations consequential upon the introduction of universal credit by the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (2012 c. 5) ("the 2012 Act").

Regulation 4 amends the 1997 Regulations consequential upon the introduction of universal credit by the 2012 Act.

Regulation 5 amends the 2007 Regulations consequential upon the introduction of universal credit by the 2012 Act.

These Regulations revoke the National Health Service (Welfare Reform Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (2014/460 (W. 53)) ("the 2014 Regulations").

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.