EXECUTIVE NOTE TO

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (CHARGES TO OVERSEAS VISITORS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2012

SSI 2012/87

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 98 and 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

As part of the Scottish Government's commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012 (the Games) an amendment is required to Regulation 5 of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989. This will exempt certain categories of overseas visitors (the Games Family) who are taking part or are involved in the Olympic or Paralympic Games from the requirement to pay for NHS treatment the need for which arose during a visit during the period from 16 July to 10 August 2012, inclusive. It is anticipated that members of the Games Family will be in Scotland during this period for the football matches that are taking place at Hampden Stadium in Glasgow as part of the Games. This policy is consistent with the arrangements which are being put in place throughout the UK.

Consultation

A consultation is not deemed to be necessary as the amendment will only cover the short period between 16 July and 10 August; the NHS healthcare that the Games Family will be entitled to access whilst in Scotland will be limited to necessary treatment in the event of illness accident; the numbers involved will be negligible; and any necessary treatment is likely to be provided within Greater Glasgow & Clyde's catchment area.

Impact Assessments

An equality impact assessment has not been completed, for this minor amendment. NHS Boards have a duty to comply with the Equality Act 2010 in the provision of NHS care and services.

Financial Effects

The Cabinet Secretary for Health Wellbeing and Cities Strategy confirms that no Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment is necessary as the instrument has no, or negligible, financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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