EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (TRAVEL EXPENSES AND REMISSION OF CHARGES) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007

2007 No. 988

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 contain an amendment to 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

(a) amend the National Health Service (Travel and Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003 ("the 2003 Regulations") to increase the capital limits at which people may receive help through the National Health Low Income Scheme from £21,000 to £21,500 and from £12,750 to £13,000

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 residential care home and fully fund their own care, may receive help through the National Health Low Income Scheme from £21,000 to £21,500 and from £12,750 to £13,000 in accordance with S.I. 2007/ 725.

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

John Roberts at the Department of Health Tel: 020 7972 2928 or e-mail: john.roberts@dh.gsi.gov.uk can answer any queries regarding the instrument.