

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
Statutory Instruments with Clear Reports
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CLA443 – The National Health Service (Physiotherapist, Podiatrist or Chiropodist Independent Prescribers) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014

Procedure – Negative

Supplementary and independent prescribing is permitted by virtue of UK medicines legislation. The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 now permit physiotherapist independent prescribers and chiropodist and podiatrist independent prescribers to provide prescriptions. Devolved administrations may implement this as they wish.

These Regulations amend:–

- The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2013;
- The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2004; and
- The National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Wales) Regulations 2007;

by extending the definition of prescriber through the insertion of new categories of independent prescriber, namely physiotherapist independent prescriber and podiatrist or chiropodist independent prescriber.

The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Wales) Regulations 2010 are amended to extend the exemption from charge applicable to carrier bags used solely to contain medicinal products or listed appliances provided in accordance with a prescription issued by specific prescribers to those issued by

physiotherapist independent prescribers and podiatrist or chiropodist independent prescribers.

CLA445 – The Education Workforce Council (Membership and Appointment) (Wales) Regulations 2014

Procedure: Negative

Section 2 in Part 2 of the Education (Wales) Act 2014 provides that the General Teaching Council for Wales is to continue to exist but will change its name to the Education Workforce Council (“the Council”). Part 2 makes further provision in relation to the Council. These Regulations make provision in relation to membership of the Council and the appointment of the chief officer.

CLA447 – The Common Agricultural Policy Basic Payment Scheme (Provisional Payment Region Classification) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

Procedure: Negative

These regulations amend the definitions of the ‘moorland’ and ‘severely disadvantaged area’ payment regions in Wales. They also expand the criteria permitting persons in Wales to appeal the classification of land for payment purposes under the new Basic Payment Scheme.