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Dear Colleague

**HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS PATIENTS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES SCHEME**

**Summary**

1. This letter updates earlier advice on the level of contribution which, under the Highland and Islands Patient Travelling Expenses Scheme, patients are expected to make towards the cost of their travel.

**Action**

From 1 July 1996 the current contribution of £6 which has applied since 1 December 1990, will be increased to £7. This reflects the movement in the fares and other travel cost element of the Retail Price Index.

Health Boards are asked to ensure that existing stocks of Highland and Island Travel Expense Claim Forms are suitably amended to take account of these changes.

Yours sincerely

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