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Dear Colleague

HIGHLAND AND ISLAND 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

2. From 1 April 1997 the current contribution of £7 which has applied since 1 July 1996, will be increased to £8. This reflects the movement in the fares and other travel cost element of the Retail Price Index.

3. 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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