

DWP Compensation Recovery Unit

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| Subject | Compensation Recovery Unit (CRU) NHS Charges - Tariff and Cap Increase from 01 April 2010 |
| Who should read this & why | Compensators and Representatives |
| Action | To note changes as detailed below |
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For the attention of: Personal Injury Claims Managers RECOVERY OF NHS CHARGES - TARIFF AND CAP INCREASE FROM 01 APRIL 2010

1. The NHS Injury Cost Recovery (ICR) Scheme – Annual Increase in the Tariff and Ceiling on Charges.

The Compensation Recovery Unit, on behalf of the Department of Health, currently administers the above scheme, which allows for the recovery of National Health Service (NHS) costs following injuries where people claim and receive personal injury compensation.

The tariff and ceiling on charges (cap) payable by compensators for the recovery of NHS treatment and ambulance charges under the NHS Injury Cost Recovery scheme will increase from 1st April 2010. The increases will apply only to injuries sustained on or after this date.

This uplift in the level of charges is an annual event to reflect Hospital and Community Health Services inflation.

Scotland will also lay regulations to increase the tariff and ceiling of charges in line with England and Wales both in terms of amounts and implementation date.

* The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Amendment Regulations 2010 SI 189

The following tables can be used as a quick reference guide:

NHS Treatment and Ambulance Journey Charges

| Accident Date (on or after) | Out-patient | In-patient | Cap | Ambulance Charges (per person per journey) |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|--|
| Pre 2.7.1997 | £295 | £435 | £3, 000 | |
| 02.07.1997 | £354 | £435 | £10, 000 | |
| 01.01.2003 | £440 | £541 | £30, 000 | |
| 01.04.2003 | £452 | £556 | £33, 000 | |
| 01.04.2004 | £473 | £582 | £34, 800 | |
| 01.04.2005 | £483 | £593 | £35, 500 | |
| 01.04.2006 | £505 | £620 | £37, 100 | |
| 29.01.2007 | £505 | £620 | £37, 100 | £159 |
| 01.04.2008 | £547 | £672 | £40, 179 | £165 |
| 01.04.2009 | £566 | £695 | £41, 545 | £171 |
| 01.04.2010 | £585 | £719 | £42, 999 | £177 |

2. Any questions?

If you have any queries regarding this communication or on any aspect of the above recovery schemes please do not hesitate to contact:

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Information about these changes will also be placed on the [Department of Health's website](#)