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Dear German Pinciman,

I am writing  
to you to express my views re  
part CP4: exted exempta from  
paying prescripion charges to all persons  
holding a HC3 certificate of the  
document Review of NHS Prescriptions  
Charges & Exempta Arrangements in  
Scotland.

As an HC3 certificate holder I think  
it is unfair I should have to pay prescripion  
charges. Since last year I have had a week  
(counting every £62 a week) I do  
have to pay. Various amounts to opticians  
dentists, currently £1285, and it  
presents a major debit every  
for treatment. I have a hard time to pay

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Also I think the HCB Certificate that it  
is being assessed for area where  
does not include consideration of fact  
that if you live in a wheelchair you  
may have extra costs to read  
the document. E.g. I live in Mexico, there  
is no dentist here so I have to travel to  
Guatemala which in the past costs  
about £3 there & back, therefore a  
cost to the dentist costs about £20. This  
is nearly 1/3 of my weekly pay for last  
week.

I once caught headline for the  
child but not a it cost nearly £30  
to get rid of the as I had to pay 2  
prescriptions (1 was charge to 1  
mother) also had to buy flea control  
in addition. I had to travel to  
Edinburgh to the Breast Screening Clinic  
in Newcastle. Bus fare cost £9 or  
more but for only 1 way (I got a

3/1  
left her for a year.) I need to  
claim expenses but would it be  
not claimed now so I don't  
qualify yet. I saw consultant  
radiologists future - had to go  
in case I had cancer, fortunately I  
do not need to go again & I will not  
be able to afford it.

At the time I feel I am being  
prejudiced because I am willing to  
work part time (I have had a very  
injured wife but because she is  
hardly mobile and she has not  
qualified for Care's Allowance despite  
the fact she does not go out a lot)

I never go to the physio and GPs  
to much. Anyway I have taped  
glasses, phorically the lenses are OK.  
I was advised to get a spare pair  
but I cannot afford one normal  
pair, let alone a spare pair!

7 Mar 1 Next all people who are un-  
skilled should be entitled to a free  
eye test & a free dental check up.  
Especially if they are willing to work.

Gas sincerely

S E Richards.

(Miss)

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**RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM: NHS prescription charges and exemption arrangements.**

Please complete the details below and return it in the envelope provided. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately. Thank you for your help.

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1. Are you responding: (please tick one box)
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- Yes, make my response, name and address all available
- Yes, make my response available, but not my name or address
- Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

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