STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 325

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The National Health Service (Charges and Payments) (Uprating, Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2016

Made - - - -	*9th March 2016*
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The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 115(2), 116(2), 172(1), 178(1), 179(1) to (3), 180(1) to (5), 182, 184(1) and 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges and Payments) (Uprating, Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2016.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st April 2016.

(3) In these Regulations—

"the 2013 Regulations" means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 2013(**2**); and

"the 2015 Regulations" means the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015(**3**).

Uprating and amendment of the 2013 Regulations

2.—(1) The 2013 Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 20(**4**) (redemption value of voucher for replacement or repair)—

(**1**) 2006 c.41. Section 115 of the National Health Service Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act") has been amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7) ("the 2012 Act"), Schedule 4, paragraph 54. Section 180(1) of the 2006 Act has been amended by section 205 of, and paragraph 96(1) and (2) of Schedule 4 to, the 2012 Act, and by Schedule 6 to the Health Act 2009 (c.21). By virtue of section 271(1) of the 2006 Act, the powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England. *See* section 275(1) of the 2006 Act for the meaning given to "prescribed" and "regulations".

(**2**) S.I. 2013/461; as amended by S.I. 2013/1856, 2015/417, 570 and 1776.

(**3**) S.I. 2015/570; as amended by S.I. 2015/1879.

(**4**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2015/417.

(a) in paragraph (1)(b), for "£56.40" substitute "£57.00"; and

(b) in paragraph (3), for "£14.60" substitute "£14.80".

(3) In Schedule 1(**5**) (voucher letter codes and face values – supply and replacement), in column (3) of the table (face value of voucher), for each amount specified in column (1) of the table below substitute the amount specified in relation to it in column (2) of the table below—

(1)	*(2)*
Old amount	*New amount*
£38.70	£39.10
£58.70	£59.30
£86.00	£86.90
£194.10	£196.00
£66.80	£67.50
£84.80	£85.60
£110.10	£111.20
£213.40	£215.50
£198.80	£200.80
£56.40	£57.00

(4) In Schedule 2 (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small and special glasses and complex appliances)—

(a) in paragraph 1(1)(a), for "£12.50" substitute "£12.60";

(b) in paragraph 1(1)(b), for "£15.20" substitute "£15.40";

(c) in paragraph 1(1)(c), for "£4.30" substitute "£4.40";

(d) in paragraph 1(1)(d), for "£4.80" substitute "£4.90";

(e) in paragraph 1(1)(e), for "£63.60", "£56.40" and "£30.50" respectively substitute "£64.20", "£57.00" and "£30.80";

(f) for paragraph 1(1)(f) substitute the following—

"(f) where the voucher is issued by a GOS contractor, an NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in respect of glasses, the frame of which is certified by the GOS contractor, the NHS trust or NHS foundation trust issuing that voucher as being required to be specially manufactured on account of the person's facial characteristics—

(i) by £64.20 in the case of the supply or replacement of the glasses or repair of the whole frame,

(ii) by £57.00 in the case of repair of the front of the frame; and

(iii) by £30.80 in the case of repair of a side of a frame.";

(g) for paragraph 1(3) substitute the following—

"(3) In sub-paragraph (1)—

(**5**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2015/417.