STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The National Health Service (Charges, Payments and Remission of Charges) (Uprating, Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2015

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The Secretary of State for Health makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 115(1) and (2), 116(2), 176(1) and (2), 179(1) and (3), 180(1) to (5), 182, 184(2) and 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006(**1**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges, Payments and Remission of Charges) (Uprating, Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 1st April 2015.

(2) In these Regulations, the "2013 Regulations" mean the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 2013(**2**).

Amendment of the National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003

2. In regulation 5 of the National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003(**3**) (entitlement to full remission and payment), in paragraph (1)(f), for "1st April 2015", at both places, substitute "31st October 2015".

(**1**) 2006 c. 41. Section 115 has been amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7) ("the 2012 Act"), Schedule 4, paragraph 54. Section 176 has been amended by the 2012 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 94. Section 180 has been amended by the Health Act 2009 (c. 21), Schedule 6, and the 2012 Act, section 205, and Schedule 4, paragraph 96. By virtue of section 271(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act"), the functions of the Secretary of State being exercised in the making of these Regulations are exercisable only in relation to England. *See also s*ection 275(1) of the 2006 Act, which contains definitions of "prescribed" and "regulations" that are relevant to the powers being exercised.

(**2**) S.I. 2013/461; amended by S.I. 2014/418 and 2667.

(**3**) S.I. 2003/2382; regulation 5 has been amended by S.I. 2004/663 and 936, 2006/562, 2008/1697, 2009/411, 2013/475 and 1600 and 2014/418 and 2667.

Uprating of charges in the National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005

3.—(1) The National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005(**4**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (calculation of charges)—

(a) in paragraph (1), for "£18.50" substitute "£18.80";

(b) in paragraph (2), for "£50.50" substitute "£51.30";

(c) in paragraph (3), for "£219.00" substitute "£222.50";

(d) in paragraph (4), for "£219.00" substitute "£222.50"; and

(e) in paragraph (5), for "£18.50" substitute "£18.80".

(3) In regulation 13A(2) (charges in respect of primary dental services provided under a Capitation and Quality Scheme 2 Agreement), for "£18.50" substitute "£18.80".

Amendment of the Primary Ophthalmic Services Regulations 2008

4. In regulation 3 of the Primary Ophthalmic Services Regulations 2008(**5**) (sight tests – eligibility), in paragraph (2)(l), for "1st April 2015", at both places, substitute "31st October 2015".

Uprating of amounts in the 2013 Regulations

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

(2) In regulation 20(**6**) (redemption value of voucher for replacement or repair)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(b), for "£55.80" substitute "£56.40"; and

(b) in paragraph (3), for "£14.40" substitute "£14.60".

(3) In Schedule 1(**7**) (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*
£38.30	£38.70
£58.10	£58.70
£85.10	£86.00
£192.20	£194.10
£66.10	£66.80
£84.00	£84.80
£109.00	£110.10
£211.30	£213.40
£196.80	£198.80

(**4**) S.I. 2005/3477; amended by S.I. 2006/1837, 2007/544, 2008/547, 2009/407, 2011/519, 2012/502, 2013/364, 475 and 711, and 2014/545.
(**5**) S.I. 2008/1186; regulation 3 has been amended by S.I. 2008/2449, 2009/409, 2013/365 and 2555, and 2014/418 and 2667.
(**6**) Regulation 20 has been amended by S.I. 2014/418.
(**7**) Schedule 1 has been amended by S.I. 2014/418.