STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 266

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - -	*5th June 2015*
Coming into operation	*29th June 2015*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 62, 98, 106 and 107(6) of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**2**), with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel.

In accordance with Article 62(3) of that Order it has consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of medical practitioners practising as ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 29th June 2015.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**).

Amendment of regulation 19 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 19 of the principal Regulations (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 "£14.50".

(**1**) See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)

(**2**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by Article 3 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8)); Article 8 of the Health and Medicines (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24)); Article 34 of, and Part II of Schedule 5 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)), there are other amendments which are not relevant

(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 191: relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1998 No. 86; S.R. 1999 Nos. 111 and 394, S.R. 2000 No. 51, S.R. 2001 No. 133, S.R. 2002 No. 85, S.R. 2003 Nos.176 and 424, S.R. 2004 Nos. 92, 113, 162 and 188, S.R. 2005 No. 71, S.R. 2006 No. 106, S.R. 2007 No. 141, S.R. 2008 No. 128, S.R. 2009 No. 153, S.R. 2012 No. 259 and S.R. 2013 No. 204

Amendments of the Schedules to the principal Regulations

3.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (voucher letter codes and face values – supply and replacement)(**4**), in column 3 (face value of voucher), for each amount specified in column 1 of the Table below (old amount) substitute the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Table (new amount).

Table

Column 1 *Old Amount*	*Column 2* *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

(2) In Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small and special glasses and complex appliances)—

(a) in paragraph 1(1)(a) (prism – single vision lens) for "£12.40" substitute "£12.50";

(b) in paragraph 1(1)(b) (prism – other lens) for "£15.00" substitute "£15.20";

(c) in paragraph 1(1)(e) (small glasses)—

(i) in sub-head (i) for "£63.00" substitute "£63.60";

(ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£55.80" substitute "£56.40";

(iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£30.20" substitute "£ 30.50";

(d) in paragraph 1(1)(g) (specially manufactured frames) for "£63.00" substitute "£63.60";

(e) in paragraph 2(a) (minimum complex appliance payment — single vision lenses) for "£14.40" substitute "£14.50"; and

(f) in paragraph 2(b) (minimum complex appliance payment — other cases) for "£36.60" substitute "£37.00".

(3) For Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations (voucher value – repair)(**5**), substitute Schedule 3 as set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Application of Regulations 2 and 3

4. The amendments made in regulations 2 and 3 apply only in relation to a voucher accepted or used pursuant to regulation 12 or regulation 17 of the principal Regulations on or after 29th June 2015.

(**4**) Schedule 1 was substituted by the Schedule to S.R. 1999 No. 111, and last amended by S.R. 2014 No. 154
(**5**) Schedule 3 was last substituted by the Schedule to S.R. 2014 No. 154