STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 16

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made - - - -	*19th January 2009*
Coming into operation	*9th February 2009*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 26(2), 62, 95, 106 and 107(6) of, and paragraph 7(5) of Schedule 3 and paragraph 13 of Schedule 11 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**2**) and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel(**3**).

In accordance with Article 62(3) of that Order it has consulted with such organisations as appeared to the Department 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 General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and shall come into operation on 9th February 2009.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007(**4**).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the principal Regulations (Interpretation), in the appropriate places in the alphabetical order, insert—

> ""emergency mobile services" means general ophthalmic services provided at a location, other than the contractor's practice premises, where a contractor has made reasonable arrangements to secure that a patient requiring prompt care will receive such care as soon as appropriately possible. For the purposes of this definition a patient requires prompt care, if in the clinical opinion of the contractor—

(**1**) See S.I. 1999/238 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)
(**2**) S.I 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); Article 62 was amended by Article 13 of S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26) , Articles 3 and 17 of, and Schedules 1 and 6 to S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8), Article 8 of S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24), Articles 34 and 35 of, and Schedules 5 and 6 to S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) and Article 41(4) of 2001 c. 3 and modified by regulation 24(2)(c) of S.R. 2004 No. 259
(**3**) Formerly Department of Finance: See S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6)Art. 3
(**4**) S.R. 2007 No. 436