STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 128

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*18th March 2008*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2008*

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 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 Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2008.

(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 "£50.50" there shall be substituted "£51.90"; and

(b) in paragraph (3) for "£13.00" there shall be substituted "£13.40".

(**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(2) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to, the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8)); paragraphs 4 and 5 of 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 and S.R. 2007 No. 141

Amendment 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) there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Table (new amount).

TABLE

Column 1 *Old amount*	*Column 2* *New amount*
£34.60	£35.50
£52.60	£54.00
£76.90	£79.00
£173.70	£178.40
£59.80	£61.40
£76.00	£78.10
£98.50	£101.20
£190.90	£196.10
£177.90	£182.70

(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 "£11.30" there shall be substituted "£11.60";

(b) in paragraph 1(1)(b) (prism – other lens) for "£13.50" there shall be substituted "£13.90";

(c) in paragraph 1(1)(c) (single vision tinted lens) for "£3.80" there shall be substituted "£3.90";

(d) in paragraph 1(1)(d) (other tinted lens) for "£4.30" there shall be substituted "£4.40";

(e) in paragraph 1(1)(e) (small glasses) –

(i) in sub-head (i) for "£57.00" there shall be substituted "£58.50";

(ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£50.50" there shall be substituted "£51.90"; and

(iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£27.30" there shall be substituted "£28.00";

(f) in paragraph 1(1)(g) (specially manufactured frames) for "£57.00" there shall be substituted "£58.50";

(g) in paragraph 2(a) (minimum complex appliance payment – single vision lenses) for "£13.00" there shall be substituted "£13.40"; and

(h) in paragraph 2(b) (minimum complex appliance payment – other cases) for "£33.00" there shall be substituted "£33.90".

(**4**) Schedule 1 is substituted by the Schedule to S.R. 1999 No. 111 and amended by S.R. 2007 No. 141