STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 188

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*22nd April 2004*
Coming into operation	*17th May 2004*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 98, 106 and 107(6) of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of medical practitioners practising as ophthalmic medical practitioners, and of ophthalmic opticians, as required by Article 62(3) of the said Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 17th May 2004.

(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 1 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 1 of the principal Regulations (Citation, commencement and interpretation), in paragraph (2) –

(a) for the definition of "health service sight test fee" substitute –

(**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. 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 and S.R. 2004 Nos. 92 and 113