STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 74

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - 12th February 2003

Coming into operation 10th March 2003

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 106 and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with 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 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 General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 10th March 2003.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**3**).

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (terms of service for opticians) for sub-paragraph (2) there shall be substituted –

> "Subject to paragraph 8(5), a contractor shall retain all such records for a period of seven years, and shall during that period –
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> (i) produce them on request to an optician in the employment of the Board for inspection; or

(**1**) *See*S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)
(**2**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); relevant amending Instruments are S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(2) and Schedule 1, S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Schedule 5
(**3**) S.R. 1986 No. 163; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2000 No. 51