STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2002 No. 85

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

Made - - - -	*7th March 2002*
Coming into operation—	
except for regulations 3 and 6	*1st April 2002*
Regulations 3 and 6	*9th April 2002*

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 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 Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 and shall come into operation—

(a) except for regulations 3 and 6, on 1st April 2002; and

(b) regulations 3 and 6 on 9th April 2002.

(2) In these Regulations—

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

(**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; and S.R. 2001 No. 133

(b) "the 1986 Regulations" means the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**4**).

Amendment of the 1997 Regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations (charges for optical appliances supplied by an HSS trust)—

(a) in paragraph (3) for "£43·90" there shall be substituted "£44·60"; and

(b) in paragraph (5)(*b*) for "£53·80" and "£87·50" in both places where they occur there shall be substituted "£54·70" and "£89·00" respectively.

3. In regulation 8(3)(*c*) and (*g*)(**5**) of the 1997 Regulations (eligibility — supply of optical appliances) for "£71·00" on each occasion it appears there shall be substituted "£72·20".

4. In regulation 19 of the 1997 Regulations (redemption value of voucher for replacement or repair)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(*b*) for "£43·90" there shall be substituted "£44·60"; and

(b) in paragraph (3) for "£11·30" there shall be substituted "£11·50".

5.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the 1997 Regulations (voucher letter codes and face values — supply and replacement)(**6**) 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*
£ 30·00	£30·50
£ 45·60	£46·40
£ 62·10	£63·20
£140·30	£142·70
£ 51·80	£52·70
£ 65·90	£67·00
£ 79·60	£81·00
£154·30 (in both places where it appears)	£157·00
£ 43·90	£44·60

(2) In Schedule 2 to the 1997 Regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small and special glasses and complex appliances)—

(a) in paragraph 1(1)(*a*) (prism — single vision lens) for "£6·30" there shall be substituted "£9·90";

(b) in paragraph 1(1)(*b*) (prism — other lens) for "£7·20" there shall be substituted "£11·90";

(**4**) S.R. 1986 No. 163; regulation 15 was substituted by S.R. 1989 No. 113, sub-paragraph 2(*g*) was added by S.R. 1995 No. 115, and sub-paragraphs 2(*c*) and (*g*) were substituted by S.R. 1999 No. 394

(**5**) Regulation 8(3)(*c*) and (*g*) is amended by S.R. 1999 No. 394

(**6**) Schedule 1 is substituted by the Schedule to S.R. 1999 No. 111 and amended by S.R. 2000 No. 51 and S.R. 2001 No. 133