STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 133

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - -	*27th March 2001*
Coming into operation—	
except for Regulation 2	*1st April 2001*
Regulation 2	*10th April 2001*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 98 and 106 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 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation—

(a) except for regulation 2, on 1st April 2001; and

(b) regulation 2 on 10th April 2001.

(2) In these Regulations—

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

(**1**) Department's (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1)) — *See* 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 and S.R. 2000 No. 51

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations

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

(a) in paragraph (3) for "£42·80" there shall be substituted "£43·90"; and

(b) in paragraph (5)(*b*) for "£52·50" and "£85·40" in both places where they occur there shall be substituted "£53·80" and "£87·50" respectively.

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal Regulations

3. In regulation 8(3)(*c*) and (*g*) of the principal Regulations (eligibility — supply of optical appliances) for "£70·00" on each occasion it appears there shall be substituted "£71·00".

Amendment of regulation 19 of the principal Regulations

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

(a) in paragraph (1)(*b*) for "£42·80" there shall be substituted "£43·90"; and

(b) in paragraph (3) for "£11·00" there shall be substituted "£11·30".

Amendment of Schedules to the principal Regulations

5.—(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*
£ 29·30	£ 30·00
£ 44·50	£ 45·60
£ 60·60	£ 62·10
£136·90	£140·30
£ 50·50	£ 51·80
£ 64·30	£ 65·90
£ 77·30	£ 79·60
£150·50 (in both places where it appears)	£154·30
£ 42·80	£ 43·90

(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 "£6·10" there shall be substituted "£6·30";

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