STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 86

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - -	*10th March 1998*
Coming into operation	*1st April 1998*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order1972(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, 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) 1998 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1998.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**2**).

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 "£39·80" there shall be substituted "£40·90";

(b) in paragraph (5)(*b*) for "£48·80" and "£79·40" in both places where they occur there shall be substituted "£50·20" and "£81·60" respectively.

Amendment of regulation 19 of the principal Regulations

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

(a) in paragraph (1)(*b*) for "£39·80" there shall be substituted "£40·90"; and

(**1**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(2) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1; S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 8 and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5; there are other amendments which are not relevant

(**2**) S.R. 1997 No. 191 as amended by S.R. 1997 No. 458

(b) in paragraph (3) for "£10·20" there shall be substituted "£10·50".

Amendment of Schedules to the principal Regulations

4.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (voucher letter codes and face values—supply and replacement) 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*
£27·20	£28·00
£41·30	£42·50
£56·30	£57·90
£110·60	£113·70
£46·90	£48·20
£59·70	£61·40
£71·90	£73·90
£121·60 (in both places where it appears)	£125·00
£39·80	£40·90

(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 "£5·30" there shall be substituted "£5·40";

(b) in paragraph 1(1)(*b*) (prism—other lens) for "£6·50" there shall be substituted "£6·70";

(c) in paragraph 1(1)(*c*) (single vision tinted lens) for "£2·80" there shall be substituted "£2·90";

(d) in paragraph 1(1)(*d*) (other tinted lens) for "£3·30" there shall be substituted "£3·40";

(e) in paragraph 1(1)(*e*) (small glasses)—

(i) in sub-head (i) for "£44·80" there shall be substituted "£46·10";

(ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£39·80" there shall be substituted "£40·90"; and

(iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£21·50" there shall be substituted "£22·10";

(f) in paragraph 1(1)(*f*) (photochromic lenses) for "£2·80" there shall be substituted "£2·90" and for "£3·30" there shall be substituted "£3·40";

(g) in paragraph 1(1)(*g*) (specially manufactured frames) for "£44·80" there shall be substituted "£46·10";

(h) in paragraph 2(*a*) (minimum complex appliance payment— single vision lenses) for "£4·50" there shall be substituted "£4·60"; and

(i) in paragraph 2(*b*) (minimum complex appliance payment—other cases) for "£24·10" there shall be substituted "£24·80".