STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 424

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*12th September 1996*
Coming into operation	*7th October 1996*

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) Order 1972(**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 No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 7th October 1996.

(2) In these regulations, "the principal Regulations" means the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**2**).

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 1 of the principal Regulations (citation, commencement and interpretation), in paragraph (2), after the definition of "health service sight test fee" there shall be inserted—

> ""an income-based jobseeker's allowance" has the meaning given to it by Article 3(4) of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**3**);".

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal Regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations (eligibility — supply of optical appliances)(**4**) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3).

(**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. 1989 No. 114; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1991 No. 496, S.R. 1992 No. 155, S.R. 1994 Nos. 31 and 388, and S.R. 1995 Nos. 16, 114 and 358

(**3**) S.I. 1995 No. 2705 (N.I. 15)

(**4**) As amended by S.R. 1995 No. 114 regulation 5