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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *15th November 1991*

Coming into operation . . *20th November 1991*

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(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), 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) 1991 and shall come into operation on 20th November 1991.

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

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (interpretation) for the definition of "health service sight test fee" there shall be substituted the following definition—

" "health service sight test fee" means, in relation to a testing of a patient's sight carried out either by an ophthalmic medical practitioner or by an optician—

(*a*) at a place where the patient normally resides, an amount of £32·15, or

(*b*) in any other case, an amount of £12·15;".

Amendment of regulation 15 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 15(3) of the principal regulations (redemption value of voucher for supply of optical appliances) in sub-paragraph (*a*) for the words from "sight" to the end of the sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the words — "sight—

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3 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

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1989 No. 114 as amended by S.R. 1991 No. 115