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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services

Made 25th March 1977
Coming into operation 1st April 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 98, 106 and 107 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of and in conjunction with the Department of Finance(a) and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of medical practitioners practising as ophthalmic medical practitioners, ophthalmic opticians and dispensing opticians, as required by Article 62(3) of the said Order, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) shall be amended as follows:

- (1) in regulation 18(1)(a) for the amount "50p" there shall be substituted the amount "75p";
(2) for Part 1 of Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:

"SCHEDULE 3 Regulation 18
Part 1
Lenses

Table with 2 columns: Column 1 (Description of lens), Column 2 (Price in £). Rows include: 1. Single vision lens (including single vision Lenticular, frosted and chavasse lenses) - 2.90; 2. Fused glass bifocal lens - 5.50; 3. Lens of any other description - 6.15

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Schedule 5 para. 8
(b) S.I. 1972 No. 1265 (N.I. 14)
(c) S.R. 1975 No. 372 (II, p. 1808)

Transitional

3. These regulations shall apply to the supply of an optical appliance under Article 62 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the testing of sight or the first testing of sight leading to the supply of that appliance or the making of the arrangements in pursuance of which the appliance is supplied takes place after 31st March 1977.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 25th March 1977.

(L.S.)

R. J. Christie

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 25th March 1977.

(L.S.)

J. Murray

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 by providing for an increase in the charges for lenses supplied under general ophthalmic services, to take effect only in respect of transactions commencing after 31st March 1977.