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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2014 No. 2**

**The General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

**Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations**

4.—(1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions.

(2) For sub-paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) The contractor shall notify the Board of his intention to provide mobile services at a location at least 48 hours (except that no part of a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday shall count towards that period) in advance of the date on which the contractor intends to provide the mobile services, identifying the persons to whom the services are to be provided by specifying—

- (a) each patient’s name and address, sex, date of birth and Health and Care number as shown on the patient’s medical card; and
- (b) the date and approximate time the contractor will provide them.”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (8) substitute—

“(8) The contractor shall be permitted to provide emergency mobile services without due notification to the Board in accordance with sub-paragraph (3), provided that the contractor notifies the Board of the location at which the emergency mobile services were provided as soon as possible, specifying—

- (a) the patient’s name and address, sex, date of birth and Health and Care number as shown on the patient’s medical card;
- (b) the date and approximate time the services were provided; and
- (c) the reasons for the provision of the services.”.

(4) After sub-paragraph (8) insert—

“(9) The contractor shall not—

- (a) offer any inducement (except any discount or special offer available to patients) to use the mobile services provided by the contractor and in particular no such inducement shall be offered by the contractor, directly or indirectly, to the proprietor, manager or staff of a nursing home, residential care home or day care setting to secure that the contractor is asked or permitted to provide mobile services at that establishment; or
- (b) seek to mislead any person about the availability, quality and extent of the mobile services provided.”.