

Supplementary Eye Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH AUGUST, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS TWENTY-TWO, EIGHTY AND EIGHTY-SIX OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1950. No. 146

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections twenty-two, eighty and eighty-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1950.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. The Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (a), shall be amended as follows :—

(a) In sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 (which provides for the preparation of a statement determining charges for the supply of optical appliances) after the word "standard" there shall be inserted the words "and of special type".

(b) In paragraph (1) of regulation 12 (which provides for the replacement and repair of optical appliances) the words "and in either case the prescription for the glasses was issued less than two years previously" shall be deleted and there shall be added at the end of that paragraph the following proviso :—

" Provided that the optician may, if he thinks it is necessary, require such a person to have his sight tested before providing such a service and provided further that, in the case of a person under the age of sixteen, the prescription for the glasses was issued within the previous twelve months".

(c) In paragraph (1) of regulation 13 (which provides for charges to be made for replacement and repair of optical

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948; No. 166.

appliances necessitated by lack of care) after the word "shall" there shall be inserted the words :—

“, subject as hereinafter provided,”.

- (d) At the end of paragraph (2) of regulation 13 there shall be inserted the following proviso :—

“ Provided that, if it appears to the Committee from any further representations made by the applicant that the payment of the charge so determined to be payable by him would involve undue hardship, the Committee may apportion the said charge between the applicant and the Authority in such proportion as the Committee shall think fit ”.

- (e) In paragraph (2) of regulation 14 (which provides for the supply or repair of optical appliances of a special type) the word “ standard ” shall be deleted and there shall be substituted therefor the word “ special ”.

- (f) At the end of paragraph 5 of Part II of the first schedule (which prescribes the terms of service for ophthalmic opticians) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :—

“ (3) The ophthalmic optician shall not give, promise or offer any gift or reward (whether by way of a share of, or a dividend on, the profits of the business or by way of discount or rebate or otherwise) as an inducement to any person to apply, or in consideration of any person applying, for supplementary eye services ”.

- (g) After paragraph 3 of Part III of the first schedule (which prescribes the terms of service for dispensing opticians) there shall be inserted the following paragraph :—

“ 3A. The dispensing optician shall not give, promise or offer any gift or reward (whether by way of a share of, or a dividend on, the profits of the business or by way of discount or rebate or otherwise) as an inducement to any person to apply, or in consideration of any person applying, for supplementary eye services ”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of August one thousand nine hundred and fifty in the presence of

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J. E. Pittaway,
Assistant Secretary.