

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations in accordance with section seventy-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twenty-sixth day of July, 1951, in the presence of

(L.S.)

G. N. Cox,

Assistant Secretary.

Supplementary Eye Services

REGULATIONS,* DATED 17TH MAY, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1951. No. 80

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections twenty-two, seventy-four, seventy-six, eighty and eighty-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951, and shall come into operation on the twenty-first day of May, 1951.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

“ Authority ” means the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority ;

“ Committee ” means the Eye Services Committee appointed under the provisions of section thirty-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ existing eye services regulations ” means the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) Regulations, (Northern Ireland) 1948 (a), as amended by the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (b) ;

“ glasses ” includes spectacles and lenses for spectacles.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(a) S.R.&O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 166. (b) S.R.&O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 146.

* A draft of these Regulations was approved by resolution of the House of Commons on the 17th day of May, 1951, and by resolution of the Senate on the 17th day of May, 1951.

3.—(1) The following provisions of this regulation shall have effect with respect to the supply of glasses under arrangements made for the provision of Supplementary Eye Services where the testing of sight leading to the provision of the glasses or the first such testing, took place on or after the twenty-first day of May, 1951.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this regulation an optician shall be entitled to make and recover a charge in accordance with the scale of charges set out in the Schedule to these regulations in respect of the supply of glasses.

(3) (a) The optician shall secure, on a form to be provided for the purpose by the Committee, an acknowledgment by the person to be supplied with glasses, or some other person competent to act on his behalf, of his obligation to pay the said charge.

(b) The optician shall send the said acknowledgment to the Committee.

(c) On receipt of any sum paid under this regulation, the optician shall give an acknowledgment of the receipt on a form to be provided for the purpose by the Committee.

(4) Any sum which but for this regulation would have been payable by the Authority to the optician in respect of the supply of glasses shall be reduced by the amount payable by virtue of this regulation.

(5) This regulation shall not apply to the supply of glasses where the standard type of children's frames (as described in the statement of fees and charges prepared under Regulation 3 of the existing eye services regulations) is used.

(6) The existing eye services regulations shall have effect subject to the provisions of this regulation and any payment required to be made under this regulation shall be additional to any payment required to be made by or on behalf of a person in respect of lenses under the existing eye services regulations.

(7) The replacement of glasses which are required solely by reason of the loss or destruction of, or damage sustained by, glasses previously possessed by a person and supplied to him under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, shall be deemed not to constitute the supply of glasses within the meaning of this regulation.

4. In paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of the existing eye services regulations (which provides for the preparation of a statement determining fees etc., for Supplementary Eye Services) there shall be substituted for sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) the following sub-paragraphs :—

“(b) the types and quality of glasses which may be supplied ;
(c) the charges to be paid by the Authority in respect of the supply or repair of glasses ;

(d) the charges to be paid by a person to whom or for whom an ophthalmic or dispensing optician supplies or repairs glasses.”

5. Any provision of these regulation affecting the rights and obligations of ophthalmic opticians and dispensing opticians shall, so far as they are applicable, be deemed to form part of their respective terms of service under the arrangements made for the provision of supplementary eye services.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 17th day of May, 1951, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. E. Pittaway,

Assistant Secretary.

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(L.S.)

John I. Cook,

Second Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

CHARGES PAYABLE FOR GLASSES ETC.,

Glasses per pair	£1 0s. 0d. and the cost of the frame
Where, following a change of prescription, one lens only is supplied to the person's own glasses—	10s. 0d.

For the purpose of this Schedule the cost of a frame shall be deemed to be the sum specified in the statement of fees and charges prepared under Regulation 3 of the existing eye services regulations and for the time being in force as the sum payable therefor whether by the person supplied or by the Authority or by both of them.

REGULATIONS* DATED 6TH DECEMBER, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1951. No. 211

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections twenty-two, seventy-six and eighty of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

*A draft of these Regulations was approved by resolution of the House of Commons on the 13th day of November, 1951 and by resolution of the Senate on the 27th day of November, 1951.