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The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 and shall come into force on 1st April 2006.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1998(1).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation)(2)–

- (a) in the definition of “eligible person” omit sub-paragraph (a);
- (b) omit the definition of “NHS sight test fee”;
- (c) in the definition of “patient’s contribution” omit–
 - (i) “III,” in sub-paragraph (a); and
 - (ii) sub-paragraph (b);

(d) in the definition of “redemption value” omit sub-paragraph (a);

(e) in the definition of “the Remission Regulations” for “the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 1988” substitute “the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2003(3)”;

(f) in the definition of “responsible authority” omit sub-paragraph (a); and

(g) in the definition of “voucher” omit sub-paragraph (a).

(3) Omit Part III (payments towards cost of sight tests).

(4) In regulation 8 (eligibility – supply of optical appliances)(4)–

- (a) in paragraph (2)(d) for “6” substitute “8”; and
- (b) in paragraph (3)(e) for “6” substitute “8”.

(5) In regulation 12A(5) (notice of entitlement)(5) for “7” substitute “9”.

(6) In regulation 19 (redemption value of voucher for replacement or repair)(6)–

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- (1) S.I.1998/642; amended by S.I. 1999/748 and S.S.I. 1999/64, 2000/45 and 395, 2001/88, 2002/17, 86 and 224, 2003/218 and 431, 2004/97 and 168 and 2005/119.
 - (2) Regulation 1(2) was amended by S.I. 1999/748 and S.S.I. 1999/64, 2000/45 and 395, 2001/88, 2002/17 and 224, 2003/218 and 431, 2004/97 and 168 and 2005/119.
 - (3) S.S.I. 2003/460 was amended by S.S.I. 2004/102 and 166, 2005/3 and 179 and 2006/.
 - (4) Regulation 8 was amended by S.I. 1999/748 and S.S.I. 1999/64, 2001/88, 2002/86, 2003/218 and 431, 2004/97 and 168 and 2005/119.
 - (5) Regulation 12A was inserted by S.S.I. 2003/218.
 - (6) Regulation 19 was amended by S.I. 1999/748 and S.S.I. 2000/45, 2001/88, 2002/86, 2003/218, 2004/97 and 2005/119.

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- (a) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£48.00” substitute “£49.20”;
- (b) in paragraph (3)(a) for “£12.40” substitute “£12.70”; and
- (c) in paragraph (3)(b) for “£54.10” substitute “£55.50”.

(7) In Schedule 1 (voucher letter codes and face values – supply and replacement)(7) in column 3 (face value of voucher) for each amount specified in column 1 of the table (old amount) substitute the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of the table (new amount).

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Old amount</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>New amount</i>
£32.90	£33.70
£50.00	£51.20
£73.10	£74.90
£165.00	£169.10
£56.80	£58.20
£72.20	£74.00
£93.60	£95.90
£181.40	£185.90
£169.00	£173.20
£48.00	£49.20

(8) For Schedule 2 (voucher values – repair)(8), substitute the Schedule 2 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(9) In Schedule 3 (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small glasses and special frames and complex appliances)(9)–

- (a) in paragraph 1(1)(a) (single vision lens with prism) for “£10.70” substitute “£11.00”;
- (b) in paragraph 1(1)(b) (other lens with prism) for “£12.80” substitute “£13.10”;
- (c) in paragraph 1(1)(c) (single vision tinted lens) for “£3.60” substitute “£3.70”;
- (d) in paragraph 1(1)(d) (other tinted lens) for “£4.10” substitute “£4.20”;
- (e) in paragraph 1(1)(e) (small glasses)–
 - (i) in sub head (i) for “£54.10” substitute “£55.50”;
 - (ii) in sub head (ii) for “£48.00” substitute “£49.20”; and
 - (iii) in sub head (iii) for “£26.00” substitute “£26.60”;
- (f) in paragraph 1(1)(g) (specially manufactured frame) for “£54.10”, “£48.00” and “£26.00” substitute “£55.50”, “£49.20” and “£26.60” respectively;
- (g) in paragraph 2(a) (minimum complex appliance payment – single vision lenses) for “£12.40” substitute “£12.70”; and
- (h) in paragraph 2(b) (minimum complex appliance payment – other lenses) for “£31.30” substitute “£32.10”.

(7) Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 1999/748 and amended by S.S.I. 1999/64, 2000/45, 2001/88, 2002/86, 2003/218, 2004/97 and 168 and 2005/119.

(8) Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I. 1999/748, S.S.I. 2000/45, 2001/88, 2002/86, 2003/218, 2004/97 and 2005/119.

(9) Schedule 3 was amended by S.I. 1999/748, S.S.I. 1999/64, 2000/45, 2001/88, 2002/86, 2003/218, 2004/97 and 168 and 2005/119.

Application of regulation 2 of these Regulations

3. The amendments made by regulation 2(6) to (9) of, and the Schedule to, these Regulations apply only in relation to a voucher accepted or used pursuant to regulation 12 or regulation 17 of the principal Regulations on or after 1st April 2006.

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