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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1998 (“the principal Regulations”) which provide for payments to be made by means of a voucher system, in respect of costs incurred by certain categories of persons in connection with the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2(2) amends the principal Regulations to increase the redemption value of a voucher issued towards the cost of replacing a single contact lens, to increase the maximum contribution by way of a voucher to the cost of repairing a frame and the maximum supplement for small glasses and special frames.

Regulation 2(3) amends the principal Regulations to increase the value of vouchers issued towards the cost of the supply and replacement of optical appliances.

Regulation 2(4) amends the principal Regulations to increase the value of vouchers issued towards the cost of the repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2(5) amends the principal Regulations to increase the additional values for vouchers for prisms, small glasses and special categories of appliances.

Regulation 3 provides that these increases apply only in relation to vouchers accepted or used after these Regulations come into force.