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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 219**

**The National Health Service (Optical Charges  
and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services)  
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015**

**Amendment of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland)  
Regulations 1998**

2.—(1) The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1988<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation), after the definition of “disability element”<sup>(2)</sup> insert—

““electronic communication” has the meaning given by section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000<sup>(3)</sup>”.

(3) In regulation 13 (payments to suppliers)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(c)(ii), after “payment” insert “either by means of electronic communication in accordance with paragraph (2A) or”; and

(b) after paragraph (2), insert—

“(2A) A claim made by means of electronic communication shall—

(a) be submitted using such computer programme as the responsible authority has approved as suitable for that purpose;

(b) confirm the matters referred to in paragraph (2)(c)(iii) and (iv), where applicable; and

(c) contain the personal identification number that has been allocated to the supplier by the responsible authority.”.

(4) In regulation 18 (payments to suppliers for replacement or repair)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(b)(iii), after “payment” insert “either by means of electronic communication in accordance with paragraph (2A) or”;

(b) after paragraph (2), insert—

“(2A) A claim made by means of electronic communication shall—

(a) be submitted using such computer programme as the responsible authority has approved as suitable for that purpose;

(b) confirm the amount of contribution referred to in paragraph (2)(b)(iv), if any; and

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(1) S.I. 1998/642; amended by S.I. 1999/748, S.S.I. 1999/64, S.S.I. 2000/45, S.S.I. 2000/395, S.S.I. 2001/88, S.S.I. 2002/17, S.S.I. 2002/86, S.S.I. 2002/224, S.S.I. 2003/218, S.S.I. 2003/431, S.S.I. 2004/97, S.S.I. 2004/168, S.S.I. 2005/119, S.S.I. 2006/138, S.S.I. 2007/192, S.S.I. 2008/106, S.S.I. 2008/289, S.S.I. 2009/86, S.S.I. 2009/288, S.S.I. 2011/55, S.S.I. 2012/73, S.S.I. 2013/96, S.S.I. 2014/61 and S.S.I. 2015/86.

(2) The definition of “disability element” was inserted by S.S.I. 2003/218.

(3) 2000 c.7; section 15(1) was amended by the Communications Act 2003 (c.21), Schedule 17, paragraph 158.

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- (c) contain the personal identification number that has been allocated to the supplier by the responsible authority.”.