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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 3029**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

**The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>9th November 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th November 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st December 2000</i>

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 78(1) and 126(4) of, and paragraph 2A of Schedule 12 to, the National Health Service Act 1977(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations.

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000, and shall come into force on 1st December 2000.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997(2).

(3) These Regulations extend to England only.

**Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations**

2. In paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations (interpretation), in the definition of “NHS sight test fee”, for the amount “£41.54” substitute “£42.79” and for the amount “£15.01” substitute “£15.46”.

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- (1) [1977 c. 49](#): see section 128(1), as amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act [1990 \(c. 19\)](#) (“the 1990 Act”), section 26(2)(g) and (i) for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”. Section 126(4) was amended by the 1990 Act, section 65(2), and by the Health Act [1999 \(c. 8\)](#), Schedule 4 paragraph 37(5). Paragraph 2A of Schedule 12 was inserted by the Health and Social Security Act [1984 \(c. 48\)](#), Schedule 1, Part I, paragraph 3 and amended by section 13(2) and (3) of the Health and Medicines Act [1988 \(c. 49\)](#). The functions of the Secretary of State under the National Health Service Act 1977 are, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, transferred to the National Assembly for Wales under the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999. [S.I. 1999/672](#), article 2 and Schedule 1 as amended by section 66(5) of the Health Act 1999.
- (2) [S.I. 1997/818](#) the relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1997/2488](#), [1999/609](#) and [2000/594](#).

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

9th November 2000

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Health

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997 (“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 sight tests and the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2 amends the definition of “NHS sight test fee” in regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulation to reflect the values of the two levels of fees for National Health Service sight tests payable to ophthalmic medical practitioners and opticians. These amounts are relevant to the determination of eligibility for, and the redemption value of, a voucher towards the cost of a sight test.