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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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### 2013 No. 461

## The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 2013

### PART 8

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### [<sup>F1</sup>Claims, signatures and evidence of eligibility during a pandemic etc.

**26A.**—(1) Where, by virtue of these Regulations, a person is required to make a claim, complete or sign any or any part of a voucher, sign any declaration or produce any evidence, but as a consequence of a disease being, or in anticipation of a disease being imminently—

- (a) pandemic; and
- (b) a serious risk or potentially a serious risk to human health,

the Secretary of State has made an announcement to the effect that, in order to assist in the management of the serious risk or potentially serious risk to human health, for the period specified in the announcement, that requirement is to be waived or modified in the manner specified in the announcement, that requirement is waived or is as modified in the specified manner for the specified period.

(2) Modifications under paragraph (1) may include modifications imposing requirements on a person other than the person who, but for the announcement, would be required to make a claim, complete or sign any or any part of a voucher, sign any declaration or produce any evidence.

(3) An announcement under paragraph (1) may be withdrawn or amended at any time.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Reg. 26A inserted (14.9.2020) by [The National Health Service \(Coronavirus\) \(Charges and Further Amendments Relating to the Provision of Primary Care Services During a Pandemic etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/885\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(2)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 2013. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. [View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

- blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1071 Sch. para. 1](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 5(2)(b)(iii) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/848 reg. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 5(3) inserted by [S.I. 2023/848 reg. 4\(4\)](#)
- reg. 9(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/848 reg. 4\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 14(3) inserted by [S.I. 2023/848 reg. 4\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 19(3) inserted by [S.I. 2023/848 reg. 4\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 26(3) inserted by [S.I. 2023/848 reg. 4\(10\)\(b\)](#)