

## 1994 No. 388

## HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment No. 3)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . 13th October 1994

Coming into operation . . . . . 1st November 1994

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1994.

(2) In the regulations, “the principal regulations” means the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(b).

*Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations*

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (interpretation) in the definition of “health service sight test fee” in sub-paragraph (b) for “£12·92” there shall be substituted “£13·15”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 13th October 1994.

(L.S.)

*Joan Dixon*

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 13th October 1994.

(L.S.)

*F. G. McConnell*

Assistant Secretary

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- (a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(2) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1; S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 8, and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5; there are other amendments which are not relevant
- (b) S.R. 1989 No. 114 as amended by S.R. 1991 No. 496, S.R. 1992 No. 155, and S.R. 1994 No. 31

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 (“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 amends the definition of “health service sight test fee” in regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations by increasing by approximately 1.78% the amount by which entitlement to assistance with the cost of a private sight test (other than one carried out at a place where the patient normally resides), and the value of a voucher towards such cost or towards the supply (in certain circumstances) of glasses or contact lenses, is calculated.

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