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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 395**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

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

*Made* - - - - *8th November 2000*  
*Laid before the Scottish*  
*Parliament* - - - - *9th November 2000*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st December 2000*

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 26, 70(1), 105(7) and 108(1) of, and paragraphs 2 and 2A of Schedule 11 to, the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) 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) (Scotland) Regulations 1998(2).

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

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations (interpretation), in the definition of “NHS sight test fee”—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£41.54” there is substituted “£42.79”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£15.01” there is substituted “£15.46”.

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(1) 1978 (c. 29); section 26 was amended by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48) (“the 1984 Act”), section 1(5), Schedule 1, Part II, paragraphs 1 to 4 and Schedule 8 and by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49) (“the 1988 Act”), section 13(4); section 70(1) was amended by the 1988 Act, Schedule 3; section 105(7) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5 and Schedule 7 and by the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41), Schedule 9, paragraph 24; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made; paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 11 was substituted by the 1988 Act, Schedule 2, paragraph 15(1); and paragraph 2A of Schedule 11 was inserted by the 1984 Act, Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 7 and amended by the 1988 Act, section 13(2) and (5). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(2) S.I. 1998/642, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1999/748, and S.S.I. 2000/45.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1998 (S.I.1998/642) (“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 or repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2 amends the definition of “NHS sight test fee” in regulation 1 of the principal Regulations to reflect the increase in fees for National Health Service sight tests payable to ophthalmic medical practitioners and opticians. This fee is set at two levels depending on whether or not the sight test was carried out at the patient’s home and the appropriate figure is used to calculate the value of assistance towards the cost of a private sight test.