STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1994 No. 145 (S.5)

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994

Made	26th January 1994
Laid before Parliament	31st January 1994
Coming into force	21st February 1994

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 70(1), 105(7) and 108(1) of, and paragraph 2A of Schedule 11 to, the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978((1)) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes 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 Regulations 1994 and shall come into force on 21st February 1994.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1989((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 "£33.75" there is substituted "£34.22"; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£12.75" there is substituted "£12.92".

<sup>(1)</sup> National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29); section 70(1) was amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49) ("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; and paragraph 2A of Schedule 11 was inserted by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48), Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 7 and amended by the 1988 Act, section 13(2) and (5).

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1989/392, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1991/2487 and 1992/531.

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 26th January 1994

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 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 of these Regulations amends the definition in regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations of "NHS sight test fee" to increase by approximately  $1\frac{1}{3}$ % the amount by reference to which entitlement to assitance with the cost of a private sight test, and the value of a voucher towards such cost or towards the cost of the supply of glasses or contact lenses, is calculated.