STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 473

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.
- (2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1989(1).

Amendment of regulation 20 of the principal Regulations

- **2.** In regulation 20 of the principal Regulations (redemption value of voucher— replacement or repair)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£38.60" there is substituted "£39.00";
 - (b) in paragraph (3)(i) for "£9.90" there is substituted "£10.00"; and
 - (c) in paragraph (3)(ii) for "£43.50" there is substituted "£43.90"(2).

Amendment of Schedules to the principal Regulations

3.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (voucher letter codes and face values)(3) in column 3 (face value of voucher) for each amount specified in column 1 of the Table below (old amount) there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Table (new amount).

TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Old amount	New Amount
£26.40	£26.70
£40.10	£40.50
£54.70	£55.20
£107.30	£108.40
£45.50	£46.00
£57.90	£58.50
£69.80	£70.50

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1989/392, amended by S.I. 1990/509, 1991/534, 1731 and 2487, 1992/531, 1993/524, 1994/145, and 1995/1, 705 and 2369.

⁽²⁾ The figures substituted by this regulation were last substituted by S.I. 1995/705.

⁽³⁾ Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 1992/531 and the figures in it amended by S.I. 1995/705.

Column 1	Column 2
Old amount	New Amount
£118.00 (in both places where it appears)	£119.20
£38.60	£39.00

- (2) For Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (voucher values—repair) there is substituted the Schedule 2 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.
- (3) In Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small glasses and special frames and complex appliances)—
 - (a) in paragraph 1(1)(a) (single vision lens with prism) for "£5.10" there is substituted "£5.20";
 - (b) in paragraph 1(1)(b) (other lens with prism) for "£6.30" there is substituted "£6.40";
 - (c) in paragraph 1(1)(c) (single vision tinted lens) for "£2.60" there is substituted "£2.70";
 - (d) in paragraph 1(1)(d) (other tinted lens) for "£3.10" there is substituted "£3.20";
 - (e) in paragraph 1(1)(e) (small glasses)(4)—
 - (i) in sub-head (i) for "£43.50" there is substituted "£43.90";
 - (ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£38.60" there is substituted "£39.00"; and
 - (iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£20.90" there is substituted "£21.10";
 - (f) in paragraph 1(1)(f) (photochromic lens) for "£2.60" there is substituted "£2.70" and for "£3.10" there is substituted "£3.20";
 - (g) in paragraph 1(1)(g) (specially manufactured frame) for "£43.50" there is substituted "£43.90"; for "£38.60" there is substituted "£39.00"; and for "£20.90" there is substituted "£21.10";
 - (h) in paragraph 2(a) (minimum complex appliance payment— single vision lenses) for "£4.30" there is substituted "£4.40"; and
 - (i) in paragraph 2(b) (minimum complex appliance payment— other lenses) for "£23.40" there is substituted "£23.60"(5).

Application of these Regulations

- **4.** The amendments made by regulations 2 and 3 of, and the Schedule to, these Regulations apply only in relation to a voucher—
 - (a) accepted or used pursuant to regulation 12 or regulation 18 of the principal Regulations on or after 1st April 1996; or
 - (b) sent to a Health Board or NHS trust pursuant to regulation 14(2)(c) of the principal Regulations in respect of cost incurred on or after that date.

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⁽⁴⁾ Paragraph 1(1)(e) was substituted by S.I. 1991/1731.

⁽⁵⁾ The figures substituted by this paragraph were last substituted by S.I. 1995/705.