
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

**The National Health Service (Optical Charges
and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1998**

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**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (OPTICAL CHARGES
AND PAYMENTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1998**

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1. (1) The amounts in column 3 of Schedule 1 and...
2. The minimum complex appliance payment is– (a) for a complex...

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Explanatory Note

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