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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 2714**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

**The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1999**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>29th September 1999</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>29th September 1999</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>4th October 1999</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 38(1), (3), (4) and (6) and 126(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977(1) hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 4th October 1999.

(2) In these Regulations “the 1999 Regulations” means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1999(2).

**Amendment of the 1999 Regulations**

2. In regulation 3 of the 1999 Regulations (amendment of the 1986 Regulations), after paragraph (2)(d) there shall be added—

“(e) in paragraph (3)(c) for “disability working allowance” there shall be substituted “disabled person’s tax credit”.”

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(1) 1977 c. 49; see section 128(1) as amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) (“the 1990 Act”), section 26(2)(g) and (i), for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”. Section 38 was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), section 1 and Schedule 1, paragraph 51; by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48), section 1(3); by S.I. 1985/39, article 7(11); by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 13(1); and by the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17), Schedule 1, paragraph 27. Section 126(4) was amended by the 1990 Act, section 65(2); and the Health Act 1999 (c. 8), Schedule 4, paragraph 37(6). As regards Wales, the functions of the Secretary of State under sections 38, 39, 78 and 126(4) of, and paragraphs 2 and 2A of Schedule 12 to, the 1977 Act are transferred to the National Assembly for Wales under article 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 S.I. 1999/672; these Regulations therefore extend only to England.

(2) S.I. 1999/2562.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

29th September 1999

*John Denham,*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Health

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations correct an omission in the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (“the 1999 Regulations”). The 1999 Regulations make changes consequent upon the replacement of family credit and disability working allowance by working families' tax credit and disabled person's tax credit to the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986, which provide for the arrangements under which ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians provide ophthalmic services.

These Regulations are being issued free of charge to all known recipients of the 1999 Regulations.