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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 461**

**The National Health Service (Optical  
Charges and Payments) Regulations 2013**

**PART 5**

**PAYMENTS FOR COST OF REPLACEMENT  
OR REPAIR OF OPTICAL APPLIANCES**

**Payments to suppliers for the replacement or repair**

**19.**—(1) The Board must, if the conditions specified in paragraph (2) are met, make a payment of a voucher's redemption value to a supplier who has accepted a voucher in accordance with regulation 18.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) are that—

- (a) the person has signed the declarations and undertaking referred to in regulation 17(4) and acknowledged on the voucher that the optical appliance has been replaced or repaired; and
- (b) the supplier has—
  - (i) made and kept a written record of the replacement or repair and issued to the person a receipt for any money received from the person;
  - (ii) obtained any prior approval required by regulation 17(6);
  - (iii) made a claim for a payment on a completed voucher to the Board within the period of three months beginning with the date of the replacement or repair of the optical appliance; and
  - (iv) where the person has shown a notice of entitlement to the supplier, informed the Board of the amount of the patient contribution, if any.