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**The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services)
 Amendment Regulations 1977**

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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st February 1978

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 38, 39(c), 78(1) and 82 of the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1978.

Amendment to regulations

2. The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1974(b), as amended (c), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) After paragraph (b) of regulation 10 (matters to be published in a statement) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(bb) the class of persons to whom any specified type of such optical appliances for which provision is made in paragraph (b) may be supplied;”.

(2) For regulation 13 (sight tests) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“Sight tests

13.—(1) A person who wishes to have his sight tested under the general ophthalmic services may make application therefor to any ophthalmic medical practitioner or ophthalmic optician whose name appears in an ophthalmic list.

(2) An ophthalmic medical practitioner or ophthalmic optician to whom an application for a sight test is made shall before making any test of the patient's sight secure the insertion by or on behalf of the patient in the

(a) 1977 c. 49.
 (c) S.I. 1974/527 (1974 I, p. 2150).

(b) S.I. 1974/287 (1974 I, p. 994).

prescribed form of the particulars of the patient and the approximate date of his last sight test, if any, and satisfy himself that a sight test is necessary.”.

(3) For regulation 16 as amended (a) (charges for replacement or repair) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“Charges for replacement or repair

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), a patient, not being a patient under 16 years of age or receiving full-time education in a school and in respect of whom evidence to that effect is produced to the Committee, who requires the replacement or repair under the general ophthalmic services of the whole or part of an optical appliance shall be liable to pay the charges in respect thereof for which provision is made in the Statement.

(2)(a) Such patient may submit on the prescribed form a claim to the Committee that such replacement or repair was not necessitated by an act or omission of his and that he is not liable to pay any such charge.

(b) The Committee shall consider such claim and any further particulars thereof which the patient may, at its request so to do, give orally or in writing, and shall notify in writing on the prescribed form to the patient and the optician its decision on such claim.”.

Revocation

3. The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 are hereby revoked.

David Ennals,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

5th December 1977.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1974. They enable classes of persons to whom specified optical appliances can be supplied to be published in the Statement made under regulation 10. They restate regulation 13 omitting the requirement of a doctor's recommendation for a first sight test. They also provide that persons under 16 or who are receiving full-time education in a school shall be exempt from payment of charges for the repair or replacement of certain optical appliances.

(a) S.I. 1974/527 (1974 I, p. 2150).

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