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**1981 No. 1345****NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES****The National Health Service (Remission of Charges)  
Amendment Regulations 1981***Made* - - - - 17th September 1981*Laid before Parliament* - 25th September 1981*Coming into Operation* - 16th October 1981

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by paragraph 5 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977<sup>(a)</sup> 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 (Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 16th October 1981.

*Amendment to regulations*

2. The National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974<sup>(b)</sup> shall be further amended by substituting for regulation 5(1)(a) the following sub-paragraph

“to charges in respect of the supply, replacement or repair of any optical appliance, other than children’s glasses or an optical appliance which is clinically necessary, payable by a person who was, at the time of the examination or testing of sight leading to the supply of the optical appliance or the first such examination or testing, under the age of 16;”.

*Norman Fowler,*

Secretary of State for Social Services.

17th September 1981.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations amend the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974 so as to extend the provision for the remission of charges in respect of the supply, replacement or repair of certain optical appliances to persons whose income is low and who are 16 years of age or over and under 19 years of age.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1977 c. 49.

<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 1974/1377; the relevant amending Instrument is S.I. 1981/307.

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