
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The National Health Service (Optical
Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997**

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**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (OPTICAL
CHARGES AND PAYMENTS) REGULATIONS 1997**

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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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20. (1) A payment may be made under this regulation to...

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SCHEDULE 2 — PRISMS, TINTS, PHOTOCHROMIC LENSES, SMALL AND SPECIAL GLASSES AND COMPLEX APPLIANCES

1. (1) The amounts in column 3 of Schedule 1 and...

SCHEDULE 3 — VOUCHER VALUES—REPAIR

SCHEDULE 4 —

Explanatory Note