
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

PART II

CHARGES

Charges for glasses and contact lenses

2.—(1) A charge of such sum as may be determined by or in accordance with directions given by the Secretary of State shall be made and recovered in accordance with paragraph (2) in respect of the supply of glasses and contact lenses under the Act.

(2) Where a charge is payable by virtue of paragraph (1), the NHS trust, or other person on its behalf, that supplies or is to supply the glasses or contact lenses may—

- (a) on arranging to supply the glasses or contact lenses, make the charge; and
- (b) on supplying the glasses or contact lenses or having them available for supply, recover the charge from the patient (if it has not previously been paid).