
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 2205

**The National Health Service (Miscellaneous Amendments
Relating to Community Pharmaceutical Services
and Optometrist Prescribing) Regulations 2009**

PART 3

Amendment of other Regulations

**Amendment of the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts)
Regulations 2004**

35. In regulation 2 of the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2004(1) (interpretation), in paragraph (1)—

(a) after the definition of “open” insert the following definition—

““optometrist independent prescriber” means a person—

- (a) who is registered in the register of optometrists maintained under section 7(a) of the Opticians Act 1989; and
- (b) against whose name is recorded in that register an annotation signifying that the person is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as an optometrist independent prescriber;”;

(b) in the definition of “prescriber”, after sub-paragraph (aa), insert the following sub-paragraph—

“(ab) an optometrist independent prescriber;”.

**Amendment of the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements)
Regulations 2004**

36. In regulation 2 of the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements) Regulations 2004(2) (interpretation), in paragraph (1)—

(a) after the definition of “open” insert the following definition—

““optometrist independent prescriber” means a person—

- (a) who is registered in the register of optometrists maintained under section 7(a) of the Opticians Act 1989; and
- (b) against whose name is recorded in that register an annotation signifying that the person is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as an optometrist independent prescriber;”;

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(b) in the definition of “prescriber”, after sub-paragraph (aa), insert the following sub-paragraph—

“(ab) an optometrist independent prescriber;””.