



THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 2001

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (OPTICAL PAYMENTS)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2004**

*Approved by Tynwald*

*16<sup>th</sup> November 2004*

*Coming into operation*

*1<sup>st</sup> December 2004*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Health and Social Security by section 35(1) of the National Health Service Act 2001<sup>1</sup>, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultations required by section 42(5) of that Act, the following Regulations are hereby made:—

**1. Citation, commencement and interpretation**

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2004, and, subject to section 42(1) of the Act, shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Optical Payments) Regulations 2004<sup>2</sup>.

**2. Amendment of principal regulations**

The principal regulations shall be amended as follows –

(1) In regulation 1(2), insert the following new definition –

““prisoner” means a person who is detained in a prison in which medical, dental, ophthalmic, pharmaceutical and nursing services are provided under the Act by arrangements made by the Department;”

(2) For regulation 2(2), substitute –

“(2) A person is an eligible person if at the time of the payment for the supply of the optical appliance –

(a) is a person under the age of 16 years;

(b) is a person under the age of 19 years and receiving full-time education;

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<sup>1</sup> 2001 c.14

<sup>2</sup> SD 19/04

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- (c) is, or is a member of the family of a person who is, in receipt of income support under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (an Act of Parliament)<sup>3</sup>, as it has effect in the Island<sup>4</sup>;
- (d) a person who has been accepted for the award of a war disablement pension;
- (e) a person who is registered as a blind person in accordance with arrangements made under section 27 of the National Assistance (Isle of Man) Act 1951<sup>5</sup>; or
- (f) a prisoner.”

- (3) In regulation 13 (redemption value of voucher for repair) –
  - (a) in paragraph 1(b)(i) for “£45.70” substitute “£46.80”; and
  - (b) in paragraph 3 for “£11.80” substitute “£12.10”.

**3. Amendment to the Schedules**

(1) For Schedule 1 (Voucher letter codes and face values), in column 3 (face value of voucher), for each amount specified in column 1 of that table below substitute the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that table.

Column 1	Column 2
Old amount	New amount
£31.30	£32.10
£47.60	£48.80
£64.80	£71.30
£146.30	£161.00
£54.00	£55.40
£68.70	£70.40
£83.00	£91.30
£160.90	£177.00
£160.90	£164.80

<sup>3</sup> 1992 c.4

<sup>4</sup> SD 505/94

<sup>5</sup> 1951 c.1

(2) In Schedule 2 (Prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small and special glasses and complex appliances) -

- (a) in paragraph 1(a), for "£10.10" substitute "£10.40";
- (b) in paragraph 1(b), for "£12.20" substitute "£12.50";
- (c) in paragraph 1(e), for "£51.50", "£45.70", and "£24.80" substitute "£52.80", "£46.80" and "£25.40" respectively;
- (d) in paragraph 1(f), for "£51.50" substitute "£52.80";
- (e) in paragraph 4(a), for "£11.00" substitute "£12.10"; and
- (f) in paragraph 4(b), for "£27.70" substitute "£30.50";

(3) For Schedule 3 (Voucher values – repair), substitute the new Schedule 3 set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

Regulation 3(3)

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 3 TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS

SCHEDULE 3

VOUCHER VALUES – REPAIR

Repair or replacement of:	Letter Codes – Values								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
One lens	£10.00	£18.35	£29.60	£74.45	£21.65	£29.15	£39.60	£82.45	£76.40
Two lenses	£20.00	£36.70	£59.20	£148.90	£43.30	£58.30	£79.20	£164.90	£152.80
The front of a frame	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25	£10.25
A side of a frame	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10
The whole frame	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10	£12.10

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Minister for Health and Social Security

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
(This is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations amend the criteria for entitlement to and the issue and redemption by the Department of Health and Social Security of vouchers for the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances under the National Health Service.