STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975

Made - - -	*5th May* 1975
Laid before Parliament	*19th May* 1975
Coming into Operation	*10th June* 1975

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 42 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(**a**), as amended by section 19(1) of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968(**b**), and section 64 of, and Schedules 6 and 7 to, the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972(**c**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 10th June 1975.

(2) In these regulations, "the principal regulations" means the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1974(**d**), as amended by the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974(**e**), and other words and expressions used have the same meaning as in the principal regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**f**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by inserting after regulation 11 (terms of service) the following regulation:—

"Arrangements for particular districts

11A. Where it appears to a Committee that provision is required to meet the needs of the residents of any particular district in the Committee's area, the Committee may, after consultation with the Joint Area Optical Committee and with the approval of the Secretary of State, make arrangements with an optician whereby the optician undertakes to provide general ophthalmic services at suitable centres in that district on such terms as may be specified in the arrangements.";

(a) 1947 c. 27. (b) 1968 c. 46. (c) 1972 c. 58.
(d) S.I. 1974/507 (1974 I, p. 1912). (e) S.I. 1974/1522 (1974 III, p. 5809). (f) 1889 c. 63.

(*b*) by substituting for regulation 12 (payments for services) the following regulation:—

"12. Each Board shall make or cause to be made to contractors within their area—

(*a*) payments in accordance with the Statement; and

(*b*) any payments which may become due to contractors by virtue of arrangements made under regulation 11A.";

(*c*) in Schedule 1 (terms of service for ophthalmic medical practitioners and opticians), by substituting for the word "Committee" where it appears in paragraph 5(1) of Part II, paragraph 6(1) of Part III and paragraph 5(1) of Part IV respectively, the word "Board".

(*Sgd.*) *William Ross*,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
5th May 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1974. The amended Regulations enable Joint Ophthalmic Committees to make special arrangements with opticians for the provision of general ophthalmic services in specified districts with the approval of the Secretary of State. They also make it clear that a Health Board is responsible for payments to contractors within their area.

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