STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 351

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1969

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The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of his powers under sections 41 and 74 of the National Health Service Act 1946(**a**) and sections 17, 18 and 20 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1969 and shall come into operation on the 1st April 1969.

2. In these regulations—

(i) "the principal regulations" means the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1956(**c**) as amended (**d**).

(ii) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The principal regulations shall be further amended as follows :—

(1) In regulation 2(1)—

(*a*) the definition "Committee" shall be deleted ;

(*b*) the definitions "dispensing optician" and "ophthalmic optician" shall be deleted.

(2) In the principal regulations any reference to the "Committee" or "Ophthalmic Services Committee" however expressed and wheresoever it occurs shall be read as a reference to the Council.

(3) In regulation 4 paragraph (4) and (5) shall be deleted.

(4) In regulation 6(3) the words "and the Committee" shall be deleted ;

(5) In regulation 6(4)—

(*a*) the words "to the Council and" shall be deleted ;

(*b*) for the words "each of them" where they first occur there shall be substituted the word "him".

(**a**) 1946 c. 81. (**b**) 1968 c. 46. (**c**) S.I. 1956/1078 (1956 I, p. 1524).
(**d**) S.I. 1958/2024, 1961/908, 947 (1958 II, p. 1548; 1961 II, p. 1752; II, p. 1843).
(**e**) 1889 c. 63.

(6) In regulation 7(4)(*b*) –

(*a*) for the words from "is called up" to the words "national emergency" there shall be substituted the words "is called into whole-time service in the armed forces of the Crown in a national emergency as a volunteer or otherwise, or compulsory whole-time service in those forces, including service resulting from any reserve liability, or any equivalent service by a person liable for compulsory whole-time service in those forces";

(*b*) for the words "the completion of his service" there shall be substituted the words "he has completed that service".

(7) In regulation 11(2) the words "together with a note confirming the Council's decision" shall be deleted.

(8) In regulation 18(8)—

(*a*) the words "on form No. 3 set out in the third schedule to these regulations" shall be deleted;

(*b*) for the words "The form" there shall be substituted the words "The authority".

(9) Regulation 21 shall be deleted.

(10) In Schedule 3. Form No. 3 shall be deleted.

R. H. S. Crossman,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

14th March 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1956 by transferring to Executive Councils the functions of Ophthalmic Services Committees which are dissolved by the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968; definitions now in the Act are removed, as also is an unnecessary form; and the description of Crown Service which protects a practitioner or optician against the removal of his name from the ophthalmic list is revised.