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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1974

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The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1)(*b*) of the National Health Service Act 1946**(a)** (as amended by sections 17(1) and 39(1) of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968**(b)**) and now vested in her**(c)**, and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

(2) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889**(d)** shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendments to regulations

2. For regulation 16(1) of the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1974**(e)** there shall be substituted:—

"(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3), a patient, other than a person—

(*a*) for whom medical inspection or treatment is provided under or by virtue of the provisions of section 3 of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973**(f)**, and

(*b*) in respect of whom evidence to that effect is produced to the Committee—

shall be liable to pay for the replacement or repair under the general ophthalmic services of the whole or part of an optical appliance, the charges in respect thereof for which provision is made in the Statement."

Barbara Castle,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

22nd March 1974.

(a) 1946 c. 81.
(b) 1968 c. 46.
(c) *See* Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699(1968 III, p. 4585)) Article 2.
(d) 1889 c. 63.
(e) S.I. 1974/287(1974 I, p. 994).
(f) 1973 c. 32.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1974. They provide that pupils attending maintained schools or certain other educational establishments or being educated under special arrangements, do not have to pay certain charges for the replacement or repair under the general ophthalmic services of their optical appliances.

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