1994 No. 31

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . *31st January 1994*

Coming into operation . . *21st February 1994*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 21st February 1994.

(2) In these regulations, "the principal regulations" means the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (interpretation) in the definition of "health service sight test fee"—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*) for "£33·75" there shall be substituted "£34·22"; and

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "£12·75" there shall be substituted "£12·92".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 31st January 1994.

(L.S.) *Joan Dixon*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(2) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1; S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 8, and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5; there are other amendments which are not relevant

(**b**) S.R. 1989 No. 114 as amended by S.R. 1991 No. 496, and S.R. 1992 No. 155

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 31st January 1994.

(L.S.) *Doreen Brown*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 ("the principal regulations") which provide for payments to be made, by means of a voucher system, in respect of costs incurred by certain categories of persons in connection with the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2 amends the definition of "health service sight test fee" in regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations by increasing by 1·33 per cent the amount by which entitlement to assistance with the cost of a private sight test, and the value of a voucher towards such cost or towards the supply of glasses or contact lenses, is calculated.

1994 No. 32

Medicines (Advisory Board on the Registration of Homeopathic Products) Order 1994

This Order has been made by the Secretary of State concerned with health in England, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health and with agriculture in Scotland and in Wales, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, and the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Medicines Act 1968.

In pursuance of paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to that Act this Order has been registered as a Northern Ireland statutory rule under the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. It is printed in full in the volume of United Kingdom Statutory Instruments for 1994 and has been numbered 102 in that series.