

STATEMENT OF GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES REMUNERATION

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred on her by regulation 10 of the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986⁽¹⁾, after consultation with the organisations recognised by her as representing contractors providing general ophthalmic services, makes the following determination:-

PART 1

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This determination may be cited as the Statement of General Ophthalmic Services Remuneration and shall come into force on 1st June 2007.

(2) Terms used in the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986 bear the same meaning in this determination as they have in those Regulations.

PART 2

SIGHT TEST FEES

Sight test fee

2. The fee payable to a contractor for an NHS sight test carried out (other than at a place where the patient normally resides) by him or it on or after 1st April 2006 is £18.85.

Domiciliary visit fees

3. The fees payable to a contractor for an NHS domiciliary visit carried out by him or it on or after 1st April 2006 are—

- (a) £33.19 for each of the first and second patients seen at one visit; and
- (b) £8.31 for each of the third and subsequent patients seen at one visit.

(1) S.I. 1986/975, regulation 10 was amended by S.I. 2001/3739, 2002/2469 and 2005/1481

PART 3
CET ALLOWANCE

CET allowance

4.—(1) In this paragraph—

“CET allowance” means the sum of £436.00; and

“relevant year” means the year commencing 1st January 2006.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), a CET allowance shall be payable to an optician other than a corporate optician if he—

- (a) was included in the ophthalmic list of the Primary Care Trust to which he makes a claim for a CET allowance for a period of at least six months during the relevant year;
- (b) has undertaken appropriate continuing education and training during the relevant year; and
- (c) complies with sub-paragraphs (7) and (8).

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), a CET allowance shall be payable to an ophthalmic medical practitioner if—

- (a) during the relevant year his only remunerated medical or optical activity was the conduct of NHS sight tests;
- (b) he was included in the ophthalmic list of the Primary Care Trust to which he makes a claim for a CET allowance for a period of at least six months during the relevant year;
- (c) he has undertaken appropriate continuing education and training during the relevant year; and
- (d) he complies with sub-paragraphs (7) and (8).

(4) Subject to sub-paragraphs (5) and (6), a CET allowance shall be payable to a contractor in respect of each assistant employed by that contractor if that assistant—

- (a) is either—
 - (i) an optician (other than a corporate optician), or
 - (ii) an ophthalmic medical practitioner whose only remunerated medical or optical activity during the relevant year was the conduct of NHS sight tests;
- (b) is included in the ophthalmic supplementary list of the Primary Care Trust to which the contractor makes a claim for a CET allowance;
- (c) has assisted in the provision of general ophthalmic services for a period of at least six months during the relevant year; and
- (d) has undertaken appropriate continuing education and training during the relevant year,

and the contractor complies with sub-paragraphs (7) and (8).

(5) Only one CET allowance may be claimed in respect of any one person.

(6) Where an assistant is employed by two or more contractors, the CET allowance shall be paid to the contractor which the assistant nominates for the purpose of payment of the CET allowance under this determination.

(7) A claim for a CET allowance shall be made in writing on the form approved for this purpose by the Secretary of State.

(8) A separate claim form shall be completed for each CET allowance claimed.

PART 4

REVOCATIONS

5. The determination of the Secretary of State made on 20th December 2006 relating to the remuneration of contractors is revoked.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Health.
Ben Dyson