

STATEMENT OF GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES REMUNERATION

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

Part 1

Title, Commencement and Interpretation

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of this determination is the Statement of General Ophthalmic Services Remuneration and it will come into force on 1 July 2009.

(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 by him, her or it on or after 1 April 2009 is £20.26.

Domiciliary visit fees

3. The fees payable to a contractor, in addition to the NHS sight test fee, for an NHS domiciliary visit carried out by him, her or it on or after 1 April 2009 are —

- (a) £35.67 for each of the first and second patients seen at one visit; and
- (b) £8.93 for each of the third and subsequent patients seen at one visit.

Part 3

CET Allowance

CET allowance

4.—(1) In this paragraph —

“CET allowance” means the sum of £458.00; and

“relevant year” means the year commencing 1 January 2008.

(1) S.I. 1986/975, regulation 10 was amended by S.I 2002/1883, 2007/122, 2007/1026.

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

- (a) was included in the ophthalmic list of the Local Health Board to which he or she 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 will be payable to an ophthalmic medical practitioner if —

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

(4) Subject to sub-paragraphs (5) and (6), a CET allowance will 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 Local Health Board 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 will 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 will be made in writing on a form approved for this purpose.

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

PART 4

REVOCATIONS

5. The determination of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers, made on 31 March 2009 relating to the remuneration of contractors is hereby revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Jones', written in a cursive style.

Signed by the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Date: 29 June 2009