



SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

Health Department
Directorate of Primary Care and Community Care

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Dear Colleague

GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

- 1. Increase in the NHS Domiciliary Visiting Fees for Optometrists and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners from 1 April 2006**
- 2. Increase in the Pre-registration Supervisors Allowance for 2006/07**
- 3. Increase in the Continuing Education and Training Allowance for 2006**
- 4. Revised Statement**
- 5. Revised GOS(S)6 Part 1 and 2 forms**

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of increases in the:

- 1.1 NHS domiciliary visiting fees payable to optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners from 1 April 2006;
- 1.2 pre-registration supervisors allowance for 2006/07; and
- 1.3 continuing education and training allowance for 2006.

It also advises of the publication of a revision to the Statement and revised GOS(S)6 Part 1 and 2 forms.

Background

Increased NHS Domiciliary Visiting Fee

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note that the NHS domiciliary visiting fees for optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners, which is payable in addition to the relevant NHS eye examination fee, for NHS domiciliary eye examinations carried out on or after **1 April 2006** are £33.19 for

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the first and second patients seen at one visit and £8.31 for the third and subsequent patients seen at the same visit.

Pre-registration Training for Optometrists

3. From 1 April 2006 the allowance paid to supervisors of pre-registration trainees has increased to £2,665.00. Claims from trainers taking on pre-registration trainees on or after 1 April 2006 should be paid at this new rate.

Payments for continuing education and training

4. The payment in respect of continuing education and training undertaken by optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners on NHS Board lists will be £436 for 2006. Although the level of payment has been agreed it will not be claimable until 2007. Further guidance will be issued later this year about this payment together with a revision to the Statement and timescale for making claims. No action should be taken regarding the 2006 payment meantime.

The Statement

5. A revised Appendix B to the Statement, in accordance with regulation 17 of the NHS (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) 2006, is attached to the Memorandum to this letter.

Revised GOS(S)6 forms

6. Forms GOS(S)6 Part 1 and 2 have been revised to include an expanded optometrist/ophthalmic medical practitioner consent. Initial supplies of the revised forms are being sent to NHS Boards under separate cover. Further supplies should be obtained from Banner Business Supplies. Stocks of the current version of forms GOS(S)6 Part 1 and 2 should be destroyed on receipt of the revised versions.

Action

7. NHS Boards are asked to **urgently** distribute to all optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners on their lists copies of the Memorandum to this letter, which are being sent under separate cover.

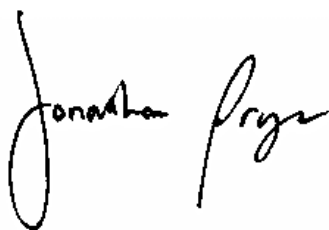
8. Practitioner Services are asked to:

8.1 pay the increased fees for domiciliary visits undertaken **on or after 1 April 2006**;

8.2 pay the increased pre-registration training allowance to supervisors who have taken on trainees **on or after 1 April 2006**;

8.3 make any backdated payments to optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners by 31 March 2007.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Pryce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

DR JONATHAN PRYCE
Head of Primary Care Division

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES**

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- 1.1 NHS domiciliary visiting fees payable to optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners from 1 April 2006;
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- 1.3 continuing education and training allowance for 2006;

and the publication of a revision to the Statement.

Increased NHS Domiciliary Visiting Fee

2. The fees payable to optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners, in addition to the relevant NHS eye examination fee, for NHS domiciliary eye examinations carried out on or after **1 April 2006** are £33.19 for the first and second patients seen at one visit and £8.31 for the third and subsequent patients seen at the same visit. Practitioner Services have been asked to make backdated payments.

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5. A revised Appendix B to the Statement, in accordance with regulation 17 of the NHS (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) 2006, is attached.
6. Any enquiries arising out of this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

9 February 2007

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SCOTLAND)

GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

THE STATEMENT

Scottish Ministers, in exercise of powers conferred on them by Regulation 17 of the National Health Services (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (“the 2006 Regulations”), having regard to Section 7(4) of the Health and Social Security Act 1984, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of contractors providing general ophthalmic services, have determined as follows:-

1. The fees payable to ophthalmic medical practitioners and optometrists for undertaking eye examinations are set out in Appendices A and B;
2. The allowance payable to ophthalmic medical practitioners and optometrists for continuing education and training is set out in Appendix C; and
3. The allowance payable for practice expenses is set out in Appendix D.

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APPENDIX B

FEES PAYABLE FOR GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICE EYE EXAMINATIONS CARRIED OUT AS DOMICILIARY VISITS BY OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND OPTOMETRISTS

The fees paid to ophthalmic medical practitioners and optometrists for Domiciliary Visits to carry out eye examinations under General Ophthalmic Services on or after 1 April 2006 shall be:

for a visit to one establishment to undertake an eye examination of one but no more than two patients -£33.19 per patient; or

for a visit to one establishment to undertake an eye examination of more than two patients -£33.19 per patient for first two patients
-£8.31 per patient for each subsequent patient

NOTE

The fee for a Domiciliary Visit is paid in addition to the appropriate General Ophthalmic Services eye examination fee.