
SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

2014 No. 6

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006

Directions to Local Health Boards 2014

Made 31 March 2013

Coming into force 1 April 2014

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of powers conferred by section 128 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006⁽¹⁾ and regulation 2(1) of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997⁽²⁾, hereby give the following Directions:-

1. In these directions:

“the Act” means the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006; and

“charges for glasses” means a charge authorised by section 128 of the Act in respect of supply of glasses under the Act.

2. Subject to paragraph 3 and 4 below the charge for glasses will be the aggregate of the following —

(a) an amount which represents the cost to the LHB, or other person on its behalf, of the purchase of the glasses or components; and

(b) an amount which represents the cost to the LHB, or other person on its behalf, of the dispensing of the lenses.

3. Where the aggregate of:

(a) the element of the amount mentioned in paragraph 2(a) above which represents the cost of lenses; and

(b) the amount mentioned in paragraph 2(b) above,

exceeds, in the case of glasses each lens of which is a single vision lens, £68.65 and, in any other case, £111.60, the charge for glasses is to be the aggregate of that £68.65 or, as the case may be, £111.60 and, except in a case to which paragraph 4 below applies, the element of the amount mentioned in paragraph 2(a) above which represents the cost of the frames.

4. Where any patient requires, on clinical grounds, a frame the cost of which is more than that of the cheapest frame in the range supplied by the LHB, or other

⁽¹⁾ 2006 c.42.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1997/818.

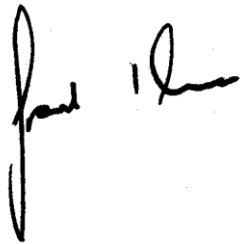
person on its behalf, the element of the amount mentioned in paragraph 2(a) above which represents the cost of the frames will not exceed the cost of the cheapest frame.

5. The charge authorised by section 128 of the Act in respect of the supply of contact lenses under the Act is to be £55.80 for each contact lens so supplied.

6. These directions apply to Local Health Boards and will come into operation on 1 April 2014, and will have effect in respect of glasses or contact lenses supplied where the testing of sight leading to the supply of glasses or lenses, or the first such testing, takes place on or after 1 April 2014.

Revocations

7. The Directions to Local Health Boards 2013, which came into force on 1 April 2013, are hereby revoked.

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Signed by Dr. Grant L. Duncan, Deputy Director, Healthcare Quality Division, under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 18 March 2014