



NHS Management Executive  
St. Andrew's House  
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Dear Colleague

**HOSPITAL EYE SERVICE**

- 1. Increase in the NHS Sight Test Fee for Optometrists providing General Ophthalmic Services**
- 2. Increase in the NHS Domiciliary Visiting Fees for Optometrists from 1 April 1997 providing General Ophthalmic Services**

**Summary**

1. This letter advises Health Boards and NHS Trusts of increases in the NHS sight test and NHS domiciliary visiting fees payable to ophthalmic opticians (optometrists).

**Action**

**Increased NHS Sight Test Fee for Optometrists**

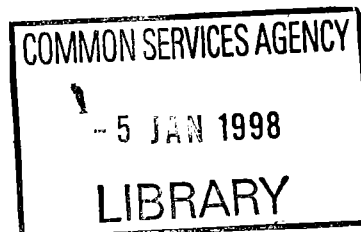
2. Health Boards and NHS Trusts are asked to note that following consultation with representatives of the optometric profession the new NHS sight test fee which should be paid to optometrists for NHS sight tests carried out on or after **1 April 1997** is £14.10.

**Increased NHS Domiciliary Visiting Fees for Optometrists**

3. Health Boards and NHS Trusts are asked to note that the new NHS domiciliary visiting fees for optometrists which are payable in addition to the relevant NHS sight test fee are £24.94 for the first and second patients seen at one visit and £6.24 for the third and subsequent patients seen at the same visit. The increased fees should be paid for NHS domiciliary sight tests carried out on or after **1 April 1997**.

Yours sincerely

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