



General Ophthalmic Services

To all Ophthalmic Contractors providing General Ophthalmic services

Please also bring this to the attention of all individual optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners (OMPS) providing General Ophthalmic Services in your practice

INCREASE IN SIGHT TEST AND DOMICILIARY VISITING FEES PAYABLE TO OPHTHALMIC CONTRACTORS and INCREASE IN CET GRANT PAYABLE TO INDIVIDUAL OPTOMETRISTS AND OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in conformity with similar action taken in Great Britain have authorised the Organisation to increase fees payable to Optometrists and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners for sight testing and domiciliary visits carried out under General Ophthalmic Services. The fees are increased as follows: -

From 1st April 2021

1. For HS Sight Tests performed by Optometrists on or after 1st April 2021 - £21.93
2. For HS Sight Tests performed by Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners on or after 1st April 2021 - £21.93. For superannuation purposes, please note that for Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners the practice expense component of the sight test is £5.57.
3. For HS Domiciliary Sight Test visits carried out by Optometrists or Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners on or after 1st April 2021 - £38.66 for the first and second patients seen at one visit and £9.67 for the third and subsequent patients seen on the same visit.

In addition the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, have authorised the Business Services Organisation to increase the annual CET grant payable to individual optometrists and OMPs to £579 from 1st January 2020. This is an annual increase of £11 and arrears will be paid for grants previously claimed and paid in each of the years 2020 and 2021.

Arrears: -

Arrears will be paid as soon as possible.

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