

HS CHARGES

HS prescriptions

Sight tests

HS dental treatment

HS wigs
and fabric supports

OPTICAL VOUCHER VALUES

Spectacles
and contact lenses



Effective from 1 April 2009

INTRODUCTION

This leaflet sets out HS charges and the value of vouchers available towards the cost of glasses and contact lenses. If you think you might be entitled to help with any of the HS charges in this leaflet, or with the cost of travelling to hospital for HS treatment, pick up leaflet HC11 – *Are you entitled to help with health costs?* It tells you about the help you might be able to get with the cost of the following:

- *HS prescriptions*
- *Sight tests*
- *Spectacles and contact lenses*
- *HS dental treatment*
- *HS wigs and fabric supports*
- *Travel to hospital for HS treatment*

Up to date information on charges and voucher values, including help available, can be found on the Department's web site www.dhsspsni.gov.uk or by phoning the Health Service Charges Advice Line on Freephone 0800 5878982.

You can pick up the HC11 leaflet at a main Post Office, Social Security office or hospital – your local health practitioner might also have one.

HS PRESCRIPTIONS

<i>Charge per prescribed item</i>	£3.00
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<i>Support stockings</i>	£3.00
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Prescription pre-payment certificate (Season ticket)
bought on or after 1 January 2009

<i>4 months</i>	£9.00
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<i>12 months</i>	£25.00
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For items dispensed in combination (duo) packs, there is a charge for each different drug in the pack.

SIGHT TESTS

<i>HS sight test</i>	£20.26*
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<i>HS sight test at home</i>	£55.93*
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<i>Private sight test</i>	<i>see your optician</i>
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<i>Hospital Eye Service sight test</i>	FREE
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*For HC3 purposes only.

HS DENTAL TREATMENT

If you can't get free treatment or help with the cost then you pay eighty per cent of the cost of the treatment up to a maximum, currently £384 (as of 1st April 2005).

<i>Basic examination</i>	£6.36
<i>Extensive clinical examination</i>	£9.64
<i>Simple scale and polish</i>	£10.16
<i>Two small X-rays and one small filling</i>	from £11.20
<i>One large filling</i>	from £17.60
<i>A precious metal crown</i>	from £101.44
<i>A full set of plastic dentures</i>	from £139.04
<i>An upper or lower metal denture</i>	from £122.52

Remember that these are only examples of what you might pay for courses of treatment. The total cost of your HS treatment may be different from these examples because of the number, or types, of treatment involved. If you are registered for Continuing Care with your dentist, you may ask your dentist for a treatment plan. This is provided free of charge and explains what treatment your dentist recommends, the price for each part of the treatment, and the likely total cost.

HS WIGS & FABRIC SUPPORTS

<i>Stock modacrylic wig</i>	£3.00
<i>Partial wig – human hair</i>	£3.00
<i>Full bespoke wig – human hair</i>	£3.00
<i>Abdominal support</i>	£3.00
<i>Spinal support</i>	£3.00
<i>Surgical brassiere</i>	£3.00

HS VOUCHERS FOR SPECTACLES & CONTACT LENSES

Optical vouchers

Maximum value per pair of glasses or contact lenses

<i>Single vision</i>	A	£36.20
	B	£55.10
	C	£80.60
	D	£182.00
<i>Bifocal</i>	E	£62.70
	F	£79.70
	G	£103.30
	H	£200.10
<i>Hospital</i>	I	£186.40
<i>Complex lens</i>	<i>Single vision</i>	£13.70
	<i>Bifocal</i>	£34.60

Supplements to vouchers

(where clinically necessary)

per lens

<i>Prism</i>	P	<i>Single vision</i>	£11.80
	P	<i>Bifocal</i>	£14.20
	T	<i>Single vision</i>	£4.00
	T	<i>Bifocal</i>	£4.50
Photochromic*		<i>Single vision</i>	£4.00
		<i>Other lenses</i>	£4.50

per frame

Special Frames

up to £59.70

**Prescribed through Hospital Eye Departments only*

Repairs/replacements

If, exceptionally, you are entitled to a voucher for repair or replacement, its value will be up to the figures above, depending on the part which needs repairing or replacing.