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Dear Llywydd

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument will come into force on 11 November 2025, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

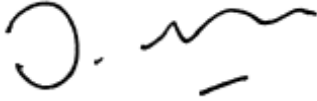
These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997 which provide for payments to be made by means of a voucher system in respect of costs incurred by certain categories of persons in connection with sight tests and the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances. The effect of these Regulations are to amend the value of vouchers issued in respect of the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances in line with negotiated outcomes with the optometry profession.

The Welsh Government's intention was to fully comply with the 21-day convention on laying and coming into force. Regrettably, there has been a miscalculation when calculating the 21 days between laying and the coming into force of these Regulations resulting in the convention not being fully adhered to by 2 days. The result of this unintentional error is the Regulations will come into force 19 days after they have been laid.

I thank the Senedd's Legislation, Justice and Constitutional Committee's clerking team for identifying this issue and for prompt notification of this matter to the Welsh Government.

I am copying this letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Julian Luke, Director of Senedd Business, Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Services, Marc Wyn Jones, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care