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Dear David,

I am writing to you about the NHS sight test, continuing education and training fee and the pre-registration trainers grant for 2022/23, following the discussions that have taken place with NHS England and Improvement.

On the sight test fee, we would propose a 2% increase on the current fee of £21.71, which would increase the NHS sight test fee to £22.14.

For domiciliary sight tests the additional fees become:

£39.04 for the first and second; and
£9.77 for the third and subsequent test.

For the continuing education and training payment and the grant to supervisors of pre-registration trainees we are also proposing an increase of 2% which would mean that the CET payment would increase to £596, and the supervisors grant to £3,837.

The new sight test fee and pre-registration trainers grant will be with effect from 1 April 2022.

The continuing education payment will be for CET undertaken in 2021 and claimable between 1st July to 1st November 2022.

We will write to you separately in due course to consult on draft payment directions which will cover the proposed new NHS sight test fees and fee claimable for CET.

Yours sincerely



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