

JSA – EXTENDED PERIOD OF SICKNESS

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 This memo provides guidance on the Jobseeker's Allowance (Extended Period of Sickness) Amendment Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/502). The regulations come into force 23.5.16.¹

1 Jobseeker's Allowance (Extended Period of Sickness) Amendment Regulations 2016, reg 1

BACKGROUND

- 2 These regulations clarify
 1. how the extended period of sickness and the short periods of sickness can be used by the claimant
 2. the medical evidence required when a claimant's period of sickness extends beyond two weeks
 3. the effect of a change in the reason for the sickness during the extended period of sickness.

CALCULATING THE TWO SHORT PERIODS OF SICKNESS

- 3 When calculating the two occasions when the short period sickness can apply, any occasion where the claimant initially satisfies the conditions for the short period of sickness but the sickness continues beyond two weeks so that they then satisfy conditions for the extended period of sickness, shall be disregarded as a short period of sickness¹.

1 JSA Regs 13, reg 46(7)

SICKNESS TYPE

- 4 Where during an extended period of sickness, the type of disease or disablement that the claimant is suffering from changes, the claimant can still continue to satisfy the conditions for the extended period of sickness up to the maximum period of 13 weeks¹.

1 JSA Regs 13, reg 46A(1)

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

- 5 Where the period for which a person is sick extends beyond two weeks and the person satisfies the other conditions for the extended period of sickness, the claimant will have to provide a doctors statement or other evidence for IfW or LCW purposes and any other additional information as the Secretary of State requires¹.

1 JSA Reg 13, reg 46A(3A)

ANNOTATIONS

Annotate the number of this memo (Memo ADM 13/16) against the following ADM paragraphs

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CONTACTS

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