
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No. 2) Directions 2019

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care gives the following directions as to payments to be made under general medical services contracts in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 87, 272(7) and (8) and 273(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a).

In accordance with section 87(4) of that Act, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has consulted the body appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate and has consulted such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2019.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1st October 2019 except for direction 24 which comes into force on the 1st April 2020.

(3) In these Directions, “the principal Directions” means the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013(b).

Amendment of Section 2 of the principal Directions

2. In Section 2 of the principal Directions (global sum payments)—

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- (a) 2006 (c.41); section 87 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”) was amended by section 55 of, and paragraph 33 of Schedule 4 to, the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7) (“the 2012 Act”). By virtue of section 271(1) of the 2006 Act, the powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England. Section 273 of the 2006 Act was amended by section 21(6), 47(7) and 55(1) of, and paragraph 137 of Schedule 4 to, the 2012 Act.
- (b) Those Directions were signed on 27th March 2013 and were amended by the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2013 which were signed on 18th September 2013; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2014 which were signed on 28th March 2014; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2014 which were signed on 30th September 2014, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2015 which were signed on 23rd March 2015; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2015 which were signed on 28th September 2015; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.3) Directions 2015 which were signed on 6th October 2015; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.4) Directions 2015 which were signed on 4th December 2015; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2016 which were signed on 31st March 2016; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2016 which were signed on 9th May 2016; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlement (Amendment No.3) Directions 2016 which were signed on 24th November 2016; the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Regulations 2017 which were signed on 31st March 2017, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2017 which were signed on 30th October 2017, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2018 which were signed on 29th March 2018, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2018 which were signed on 23rd October 2018 and the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2019 which were signed on the 29 March 2019. Copies are available from the Department of Health and Social Care, 4th Floor, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

- (a) in paragraph 2.5 (calculation of adjusted global sum monthly payments), in column 1 of Table 1 (additional or out of hours services) omit "contraceptive services", and in column 2 of Table 1 (percentage of initial GSMP), omit "2.4";
- (b) in paragraphs 2.14(b) (conditions attached to payable global sums monthly payments) and 2.18 (contractor population index), for "the Exeter Registration System" substitute "the registration system approved by the Board(a)".

Revocation of Section 7 of the principal Directions

3. Omit section 7 of the principal Directions (extended hours access scheme for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019).

Amendment of Section 7A to the principal Directions

4. In Section 7A (network participation payments for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020), for paragraph 7A.4 (a) (network participation payment), substitute—

“(a) The NPP is the sum of £0.147 multiplied by the number of the Contractor Weighted Population (b) as calculated on the 1st January in the year immediately before the commencement of the financial year to which the NPP relates; and”.

Amendment of Section 9 to the principal Directions

5. In Section 9 of the principal Directions (learning disabilities health check scheme for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020), in paragraph 9.13(b) (accounting arrangements and due payment dates for health check completion payments), for "the Exeter Registration System" substitute "the registration system approved by the Board".

Amendment of Section 12 to the principal Directions

6. In Section 12 of the principal Directions (Rotavirus vaccine), in paragraph 12.11(g) (conditions attached to payment), for "the Exeter Registration System" substitute "the registration system approved by the Board".

Amendment of Section 13 to the principal Directions

7. In Section 13 of the principal Directions (pneumococcal vaccine and HIB/MEN C booster vaccine), in paragraph 13.18(g) (conditions attached to payment), for "the Exeter Registration System" substitute "the registration system approved by the Board".

Amendment of Section 14 to the principal Directions

8. In Section 14 of the principal Directions (Shingles immunisation programme), in paragraph 14.8(g) (conditions attached to payment), for "the Exeter Registration System" substitute "the registration system approved by the Board".

(a) The registration system is an NHS database of all patients who are registered with an NHS GP practice in England.

(b) The Contractor Weighted Population (CWP) for the Quarter is defined in Part 2 of Annex A and Annex B, paragraph B.25 and calculated quarterly, which means the figure is variable. The most accurate figure for the CWP used to calculate the NPP is that calculated on the 1st January in the year preceding the financial year for which the calculation is made. See further: Network Contract DES guidance: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/network-contract-des-guidance-2019-20-v2.pdf> or hard copies can be obtained from NHS England, Area 2D, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London, SE1 6LH.

Amendment of Section 14A to the principal Directions

9. In Section 14A of the principal Directions (MMR vaccine for persons aged 16 and over), in paragraph 14A.8 (g) (conditions attached to payment), for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Section 14B to the principal Directions

10. In Section 14B of the principal Directions (Hepatitis B (at risk new born babies)), in paragraph 14B.14(g) (conditions attached to payment), for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Section 14C to the principal Directions

11. In Section 14C of the principal Directions (Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) completing doses), for paragraph 14C.7(g) (conditions attached to payment), substitute—

“(g) the contractor must make any returns required of it (whether computerised or otherwise) to the registration system approved by the Board(a), and do so promptly and fully; and”.

Amendment of Section 14D of the principal Directions

12. In Section 14D of the principal Directions (Meningococcal completing doses), for paragraph 14D.7(g) (conditions attached to payments), substitute—

“(g) the contractor must make any returns required of it (whether computerised or otherwise) to the registration system approved by the Board, and do so promptly and fully; and”.

Amendment of Section 14E of the principal Directions

13. In Section 14E of the principal Directions (Meningococcal B (infant) vaccination programme), for paragraph 14E.9(g) (conditions attached to payment), for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Section 19 of the principal Directions

14. In Section 19 of the principal Directions (seniority payments), for paragraph 19.1(b)(ii) substitute—

“(ii) in relation to any financial year beginning after the 31st March 2020, for all contractors(b).”.

Revocation of Section 20 of the principal Directions

15. Omit Section 20 of the principal Directions (doctors’ retainer scheme).

Amendment of Section 24 to the principal Directions

16. In Section 24 of the principal Directions (dispensary services quality scheme: general)—

(a) in paragraphs 24.7, 24.9 and 24.11 (calculation of dispensary services quality payments), for “the Exeter system” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”; and

(a) The registration system is an NHS database of all patients who are registered with an NHS GP practice in England.
(b) Seniority payments are paid in year but are calculated using an interim Seniority Factor. Adjustments to the seniority payments are made by NHS England using the Final Seniority Factor, which is calculated after the end of the financial year and any surplus payments are subsequently made to the GP. These surplus payments will therefore take place after the 31st March 2020.

- (b) in paragraph 24.12(b) (conditions attached to dispensary services quality payments), for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Section 25 to the principal Directions

17. In Section 25 of the principal Directions (administrative provisions)—

- (a) in paragraph 25.18 (adjustment of contractor registered populations), for both references to “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”; and
- (b) in paragraph 25.19(a),(b) and (c) (adjustment of contractor registered populations), for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Annex A to the principal Directions

18. In Part 2 of Annex A to the principal Directions (definitions)—

- (a) for the definition of “additional services” substitute—

““additional services,” in the context of the additional services sub-domain of the Public Health domain, means cervical screening services, and in other contexts, it also includes child health surveillance, maternity medical services, minor surgery, childhood vaccines and immunisations including pre-school boosters, vaccinations and immunisations;”;

- (b) in the definition of “Contractor Registered Population”, for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Annex B to the principal Directions

19. In Part 1 of Annex B to the principal Directions (the global sum allocation formula), in paragraph B.19 (normalising the adjustments), for “the Exeter System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Section 1 of Annex D to the principal Directions

20. In Section 1 (introduction) of Annex D to the principal Directions (quality and outcomes framework) for paragraph D.16 (verification) substitute—

“**D.19.** The contractor must ensure that it is able to provide any information that the Board may reasonably request of it to demonstrate that it is entitled to each achievement point to which it says it is entitled, and the contractor must make that information available to the Board on request. In verifying that an indicator has been achieved and information correctly recorded, the Board may choose to inspect the output from a computer search that has been used to provide information on the indicator, or a sample of patient records relevant to the indicator.”.

Amendment of Annex E to the principal Directions

21. In Annex E to the principal Directions (calculation of the sub-domain additional services)—

- (a) in paragraph E.1(achievement points), in column 1 of the Table (additional services) omit “child health surveillance”, “contraceptive services” and “maternity medical services”, and in column 2 of the Table (target population) omit the entries relating to these additional services;
- (b) for paragraph E.2, substitute—

“E.2. For example, to meet the requirements of the cervical screening indicators, adequate cervical screening tests should be provided for women aged 25 to 65 years(a).”.

(c) in paragraph E.3(b), for “the Exeter Registration System” substitute “the registration system approved by the Board”.

Amendment of Annex F to the principal Directions

22. In Annex F to the principal Directions (adjusted practice disease factor calculations), in paragraph F.1(a) (calculations) at the end of the second sentence, omit “,003” and in paragraph F.5 (calculations) at the end of the second sentence, for “smoking indicators 003 and 004” substitute “smoking indicator 004”.

Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G to the principal Directions from 1st October 2019

23. In Annex G to the principal Directions (dispensing payments)—

(a) for the first table in Part 2 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services), substitute the following table—

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 456	198.5
457 - 570	195.7
571 - 686	193.1
687 - 799	190.7
800 - 914	188.4
915 - 1027	186.4
1028 - 1427	184.4
1428 - 1999	182.7
2000 - 2284	181.1
2285 - 2855	179.7
2856 - 3425	178.5
3426 - 3997	177.4
3998 - 4565	176.5
4566 and over	175.8

(b) for the first table in Part 3 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services), substitute the following—

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 456	206.9
457 - 570	204.0
571 - 686	201.5
687 - 799	199.0
800 - 914	196.8
915 - 1027	194.7
1028 - 1427	192.7
1428 - 1999	191.0

(a) See further: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/gms-contract-qof-guidance-april-2019.pdf> at p.94. Hard copies of the 2019/20 General Medical Services (GMS) contract Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) can be obtained from NHS England, Area 2D, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London SE1 6LH.

2000 – 2284	189.4
2285 – 2855	188.0
2856– 3425	186.8
3426 – 3997	185.7
3998 – 4565	184.8
4566 and over	184.1

Amendments of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G to the principal Directions from the 1st April 2020

24. In Annex G to the principal Directions (dispensing payments)—

- (a) for the second table in Part 2 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services), substitute the following table—

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 456	221.0
457 - 570	217.9
571 - 686	215.0
687 - 799	212.3
800 - 914	209.7
915 - 1027	207.5
1028 - 1427	205.3
1428 - 1999	203.4
2000 - 2284	201.6
2285 - 2855	200.0
2856 - 3425	198.7
3426 - 3997	197.5
3998 - 4565	196.5
4566 and over	195.7

- (b) for the second table in Part 3 (dispensing feescale for practitioners that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services), substitute the following table—

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 456	230.3
457 - 570	227.1
571 - 686	224.3
687 - 799	221.5
800 - 914	219.1
915 - 1027	216.8
1028 - 1427	214.6
1428 - 1999	212.7
2000 - 2284	210.9
2285 - 2855	209.3
2856 - 3425	207.9
3426 - 3997	206.8
3998 - 4565	205.7

4566 and over	205.0
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Amendment of Annex K to the principal Directions

25. In Annex K to the principal Directions (amendments to the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements signed in March 2013 (amendments made from April 2013)), after paragraph (o) insert—

“(p) The Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2019 signed on 1st October 2019.”

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care



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