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## DIRECTIONS

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### **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

#### **The NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Exercise of the National Health Service Commissioning Board's Functions in Relation to the Low Income Scheme Redress 2014) Directions 2014**

The National Health Service Commissioning Board gives the following Directions to the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 125A(4) and (5) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a).

#### **Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Directions may be cited as the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Exercise of the National Health Service Commissioning Board's Functions in Relation to the Low Income Scheme Redress 2014) Directions 2014 and come into force immediately after they are signed.

(2) In these Directions—

“authority” means the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) established by the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005(b);

“the Board” means the National Health Service Commissioning Board(c);

“Optical Charges and Payments Regulations” means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments Regulations) 2013(d).

#### **Directions to the authority**

**2.**—(1) In relation to the processing and payment of any claims under the NHS Low Income Scheme Redress 2014, the authority is directed to carry out the functions of the Board under—

- (a) regulation 6 (payments to persons in respects of sight tests); and
- (b) regulation 24 (payments to persons in respect of the supply, replacement or repair of optical appliances),

of the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations.

(2) The authority is further directed to carry out all and any ancillary or supplemental functions directly related to, and required in order to carry out, the functions referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) Except for the purposes of processing a claim and making a payment under these Directions where that claim was received before the end of the NHS Low Income Scheme Redress 2014, these Directions cease to have effect on 31st March 2015.

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(a) 2006 c.41. Section 125A was inserted by section 49 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012(c.7) (“the 2012 Act”). By virtue of section 271(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006, the powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State in relation to England only.

(b) S.I. 2005/2414, as amended by S.I. 2006/632, 2007/1201 and 2013/235.

(c) The National Health Service Commissioning Board is established by section 1H of the National Health Service Act 2006. Section 1H is inserted by section 9 of the 2012 Act.

(d) S.I. 2013/461, as amended by S.I. 2013/1856 and 2555 and 2014/545.

Signed on behalf of the National Health Service Commissioning Board

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