



Department of Health

THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014 - PROVISION OF NECESSARY TREATMENT FOR THE ACCREDITED COMMONWEALTH GAMES FAMILY BETWEEN MONDAY 7 JULY AND THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2014

Purpose

1. To advise NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts that as part of Scotland's bid to host the Commonwealth Games, Scottish Ministers confirmed that members of the Accredited Games Family (AGF) would receive any necessary NHS healthcare at no cost for the duration of the Games. AGF includes athletes and their teams, officials, certain members of the press and broadcasters, the Games Committee and selected other individuals, but not spectators. The bid was supported by the UK Government.
2. There is the possibility that the AGF may need necessary healthcare in England during the Games period 7 July to 7 August 2014. AGF may travel to England during the period, or be based here in training camps before the Games start, therefore there may be occasions when they are in England at the time they need to access NHS care unexpectedly. It is anticipated that the use of the NHS in England by the AGF during this period will be minimal, since the majority of their time will, of course, be spent in Scotland.

The Accredited Commonwealth Games Family (AGF)

3. The Accredited Games Family will be entitled only to NHS treatment required for illnesses or accidents that it is necessary to treat during the Games period. This will include:
 - treatment for the diagnosis of symptoms or signs occurring for the first time after the visitor's arrival in the UK; or
 - treatment which is required promptly for a condition which:
 - arose after the visitor's arrival in the UK;
 - became acutely exacerbated after the visitor's arrival; or
 - but for the treatment would be likely to become, acutely exacerbated after the visitor's arrival.

Pre-planned treatment and treatment that can wait will not be covered. The AGF's eligibility to receive necessary NHS treatment is restricted to the period between Monday 7 July and Thursday 7 August 2014 (inclusive).

4. An amendment to the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2011 has been necessary to place this on a legal footing.

Identifying and Authenticating Members of the Accredited Games Family (AGF)

5. It is the responsibility of NHS healthcare providers to establish whether or not overseas visitors are entitled to receive free NHS healthcare, or if charges should be applied. In doing so, they can ask to see reasonable proof of identity.
6. Accredited members of the GF will be issued with a Games Family Accreditation Pass that includes a recent photograph and a code. Presentation of an accreditation pass will entitle the holder to receive necessary NHS healthcare in the event of illness or accident - a list of codes is appended at Annex A. A number of the codes have stars next to them, OVMs can ignore these for the purposes of healthcare
7. If a member of the GF presents for healthcare based solely on their GF status, NHS healthcare providers, in both primary and secondary care settings, are asked to ensure that the patient is in possession of a coded GF pass containing their photograph, and / or to carry out any other reasonable identity checks that they deem necessary.

Contact Details

8. We do not expect that many members of Games Family will wish, or need, to access NHS healthcare in England during the games period, but any enquiries in this regard should be directed to the Department of Health Overseas Visitors Charging Policy Team by calling 01132 545819 or by e-mailing overseasvisitors@dh.gsi.gov.uk.

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ACCREDITED GAMES FAMILY MEMBERS ENTITLED TO NECESSARY HEALTHCARE WHILE IN SCOTLAND BETWEEN FRIDAY 7 JULY AND THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2014 (INCLUSIVE):

ACCREDITED GAMES FAMILY - GAMES PASS IDENTIFICATION CODES FOR NECESSARY HEALTHCARE

Aa	Et	IF**
Ac	ENR	J
Ac**	EP	OBS
Ao	EPs	OC
B	G	OC**
B**	G**	P
CAS	Gi	RTa
CAS**	Gi**	RTb
CGA	Gt	RTc
CGA**	HBa	TPS
CGF	HBb	WADA
CGF**	HBc	WADA**
E	HRH	WKF
Es	IF	