
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2020

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.3) Directions 2020.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1st October 2020.

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

Amendment of Annex G to the principal Directions

2. In Annex G to the principal Directions (dispensing 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.
- (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, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2019 which were signed on 29th March 2019, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2019 which were signed on 29th September 2019, the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions which were signed on 26th February 2020 and the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2020 which were signed on 31st March 2020. Copies are available from the Primary Care Team, Department of Health and Social Care, 4th Floor, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

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

“From 1st October 2020

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 461	256.2
462 – 577	252.5
578 – 694	249.2
695 – 808	246.0
809 – 925	243.1
926 – 1039	240.5
1040 – 1444	238.0
1445 – 2022	235.8
2023 – 2310	233.7
2311 – 2888	231.9
2889 – 3465	230.3
3466 – 4044	228.9
4045 – 4618	227.7
4619 and over	226.9

From 1st April 2021

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 461	230.7
462 – 577	227.4
578 – 694	224.4
695 – 809	221.5
810 – 925	218.9
926 – 1039	216.6
1040 – 1444	214.3
1445 – 2022	212.3
2023 – 2310	210.4
2311 – 2888	208.8
2889 – 3465	207.4
3466 – 4044	206.1
4045 – 4618	205.0
4619 and over	204.3

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

“From 1st October 2020

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 461	266.9
462 – 577	263.3
578 – 694	260.0

695 – 808	256.8
809 – 925	254.0
926 – 1039	251.3
1040 – 1444	248.7
1445 – 2022	246.5
2023 – 2310	244.4
2311 – 2888	242.6
2889 – 3465	241.0
3466 – 4044	239.7
4045 – 4618	238.5
4619 and over	237.6

From 1st April 2021

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 461	240.4
462 – 577	237.1
578 – 694	234.1
695 – 809	231.2
810 – 925	228.7
926 – 1039	226.3
1040 – 1444	224.0
1445 – 2022	222.0
2023 – 2310	220.1
2311 – 2888	218.5
2889 – 3465	217.0
3466 – 4044	215.8
4045 – 4618	214.7
4619 and over	214.0

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Amendment of Annex H to the principal Directions

3. In Annex H to the principal Directions (dispensary services quality scheme), for paragraph H.6.1 (review with patients of compliance and concordance with use of medicines) substitute the following—

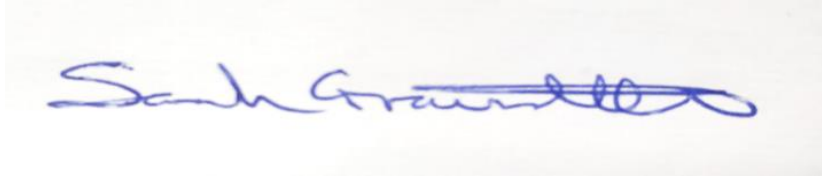
“**H.6.1.** A review with patients (and, where appropriate, their carers) of compliance and concordance shall be carried out, and must be conducted remotely, unless it is clinically appropriate or otherwise reasonable to do so face to face. The review must also be recorded in a patient’s medical record at least once in each financial year for at least 7.5% of the contractor’s dispensing patients. Where the contractor is entitled to less than a full year’s Dispensary Services Quality Payment in any financial year, the figure of 7.5% shall be reduced by an appropriate percentage. The practice should agree with the Board the types of patients that should be targeted for the review as part of its undertaking to carry out the services specified.”.

Amendment of Annex K to the principal Directions

4. 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 (r) insert the following—

“(s) The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2020, signed on 30 November 2020.”

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Grant", is centered on a white rectangular background.

Date: 30th November 2020

Member of the Senior Civil Service
Department of Health and Social Care