
D I R E C T I O N S

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlement (Amendment No.2) Directions 2017

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 87, 272(7) and (8) and 273(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a), gives the following Directions.

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

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2017.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (3), these Directions come into force immediately after they are signed.

(3) The amendments made by direction 6 are to have effect from 1st April 2018.

(4) These Directions are given to the National Health Service Commissioning Board(b).

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

(a) 2006 c.41. Section 87 was amended by section 55(1) of, and paragraph 33 of Schedule 4 to, the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7). Section 273 was amended by section 21(6), 47(7) and 55(1) of, and paragraph 137 of Schedule 4 to, the Health and Social Care Act 2012. By virtue of section 271(1), the powers conferred by those sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State in relation to England only.

(b) The National Health Service Commissioning Board (known as “NHS England”) was established by section 1H of the 2006 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 and the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlement (Amendment) Directions 2017 which were signed on 31st March 2017. Copies are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-primary-medical-services-directions-2013> and from the Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS.

Amendment of Section 11 of the principal Directions

2. In Section 11 of the principal Directions (childhood immunisations), in sub-paragraph (b)(i) of paragraph 11.3 (target payments in respect of two year olds), for “pertussis and Haemophilus influenza type B (HiB)” substitute “pertussis, Haemophilus influenza type B (HiB) and Hepatitis B”.

Amendment of Section 14B of the principal Directions

3. In Section 14B of the principal Directions (Hepatitis B vaccination for babies)—
- (a) for the heading substitute “AT RISK BABIES”;
 - (b) omit paragraph 14B.6;
 - (c) in paragraph 14B.7, for “fourth dose” substitute “completing dose”;
 - (d) omit paragraph 14B.8 (claims for payment);
 - (e) in paragraph 14B.9 (claims for payment) for “the fourth dose” substitute “the completing dose”; and
 - (f) in paragraph 14B.13 (eligibility for payment), for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—
 - “(d) the contractor submits the claim for payment—
 - (i) within 6 months of administering the first dose of the vaccine,
 - (ii) within 6 months of administering the second dose of the vaccine, or
 - (ii) within 6 months of administering the completing dose of the vaccine.”.

Amendment of Section 16 of the principal Directions

4. In Section 16 of the principal Directions (payments for locums covering sickness leave), in paragraph 16.6(a) (ceilings on amounts payable) for “in payable” substitute “is payable”.

Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G of the principal Directions from October 2017

5. In Annex G of the principal Directions (dispensing payments)—
- (a) for the 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 457	212.0
458 – 571	209.0
572 – 687	206.2
688 – 800	203.6
801 – 915	201.2
916 – 1028	199.0
1029 – 1429	196.9
1430 – 2000	195.1
2001 – 2286	193.4
2287 – 2857	191.9

2858 – 3428	190.6
3429 – 4000	189.4
4001 – 4569	188.4
4570 and over	187.7

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

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	220.9
458 – 571	217.8
572 – 687	215.1
688 – 800	212.5
801 – 915	210.2
916 – 1028	207.9
1029 – 1429	205.8
1430 – 2000	204.0
2001 – 2286	202.3
2287 – 2857	200.8
2858 – 3428	199.4
3429 – 4000	198.3
4001 – 4569	197.3
4570 and over	196.6

Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G to the principal Directions from 1st April 2018

6. In Annex G of the principal Directions (dispensing payments)—

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

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	220.8
458 – 571	217.6
572 – 687	214.8

688 – 800	212.0
801 – 915	209.5
916 – 1028	207.3
1029 – 1429	205.1
1430 – 2000	203.2
2001 – 2286	201.4
2287 – 2857	199.8
2858 – 3428	198.5
3429 – 4000	197.3
4001 – 4569	196.3
4570 and over	195.5

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

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	230.0
458 – 571	226.9
572 – 687	224.0
688 – 800	221.3
801 – 915	218.9
916 – 1028	216.6
1029 – 1429	214.4
1430 – 2000	212.5
2001 – 2286	210.7
2287 – 2857	209.1
2858 – 3428	207.7
3429 – 4000	206.6
4001 – 4569	205.5
4570 and over	204.8

Saving in respect of the effect of the amendments made by direction 3

7.—(1) Notwithstanding the revocation of provisions in Section 14B of the principal Directions (Hepatitis B vaccination for babies) by provision in direction 3 of these Directions, Section 14B of

the principal Directions, as it had effect immediately before the date on which these Directions are signed, is to continue to apply for the purposes specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The purposes specified in this paragraph are the assessment and payment of any entitlement in respect of the administration by a contractor of a dose of the Hepatitis B vaccination to a baby in accordance with arrangements under Section 14B of the principal Directions as it had effect prior to the date on which these Directions are signed.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

Date 30/10/2017



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