
D I R E C T I O N S

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.3) Directions 2016

The Secretary of State for Health 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).

The Secretary of State for Health has consulted, in accordance with section 87(4) of that Act, with the body appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No. 3) Directions 2016.

(2) They come into force immediately after they are signed but have effect in accordance with sub-paragraphs (3) to (5).

(3) Paragraph 4 has effect from 1st July 2016.

(4) Paragraph 7 has effect from 1st October 2016.

(5) Paragraph 8 has effect from 1st April 2017.

Amendment of Section 14C of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013

2. In Section 14C of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Booster)—

- (a) for the title, substitute “Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Completing Doses”;
- (b) in paragraph 1(1), for “Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Booster” substitute “Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Completing Doses”; and
- (c) in each place where it appears, for “HPV Booster” substitute “HPV Completing Doses”.

(a) 2006 (c.4). 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”). 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. 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.

Amendment of Section 14.D of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013

3. In Section 14D of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (Meningococcal Booster Vaccination) for the title substitute “Meningococcal Completing Doses”.

Amendment of Section 20 of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 from 1st July 2016

4. In section 20 of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013(a) (Doctors’ Retainer Scheme)—

- (a) in paragraph 20.2 (payments in respect of sessions undertaken by members of the Scheme), for “£59.18” substitute “£76.92”; and
- (b) after paragraph 20.5 (payment conditions), insert—

“Annual payments

20.6.—(1) The Board must pay to an eligible contractor under its GMS contract an annual lump sum payment under the Doctors’ Retainer Scheme in respect of any doctor who—

- (a) before 1st July 2016, was employed or engaged by the contractor and is, on that date, a member of the Scheme by reason of that employment or engagement; or
- (b) becomes a member of the Scheme on or after 1st July 2016 in respect of any employment with or engagement by the contractor which commences on or before 31st March 2017.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, an “eligible contractor” is contractor to whom paragraph 20.2 (payments in respect of sessions undertaken by members of the Scheme) applies.

(3) The payment arrangements in this paragraph apply in respect of the period beginning with 1st July 2016 and ending with 30th June 2019.

(4) The annual payment is to be calculated by the Board by reference to the number of sessions which a doctor described in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) is contracted to perform for the contractor in each week, up to a maximum of four sessions per week, on the following basis, depending on whether the doctor is contracted to perform an annualised number of sessions, or a number of sessions per week:

(a) 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.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, and the General Medical Services (Statement of Financial Entitlements) (Amendment No.2) Directions 2016, which were signed on 9th May 2016. 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.

Annualised Sessions(a)	Number of sessions per week	Amount of the annual payment per annum
Fewer than 104	1-2	£1,000
104 to 155	2	£2,000
156 to 207	3	£3,000
208 or more	4	£4,000

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the Board must pay to the contractor the annual payments due under this paragraph as follows—

- (a) in respect of a doctor described in paragraph (1)(a)—
 - (i) by 31st December 2016, in respect of the year ending with 30th June 2017,
 - (ii) on 1st July 2017, in respect of the year ending with 30th June 2018, and
 - (iii) on 1st July 2018, in respect of the year ending with 30th June 2019; and
- (b) in respect of a doctor described in paragraph (1)(b)—
 - (i) on the date on which that doctor becomes a member of the Doctors' Retainer Scheme, and
 - (ii) on the anniversary of that date in each subsequent year in respect of which the payment is due (with payment calculated on a pro rata basis in respect of the final year ending with 30th June 2019).

(6) The Board must not pay an annual payment in respect of any doctor where an eligible contractor has not provided sufficient information to the Board about the number of sessions per week for which that doctor is employed or engaged by the contractor.

(7) Where the Board pays an annual payment to an eligible contractor in respect of a doctor, the contractor must pass on the payment to that doctor, net of any applicable deductions payable by that doctor in respect of income tax, national insurance and superannuation contributions, within one calendar month from the date on which the contractor received the payment.”.

Amendment of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Annex B of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013

5. In Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Annex B of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (Vaccines and Immunisations – vaccines and immunisations which are not required for foreign travel), in Table 1—

- (a) for paragraph (b)(ii) in the right hand column of the second entry relating to Diptheria, Tetanus and Polio, substitute—
 - “(ii) as many doses as required to ensure that a full schedule has been administered at the appropriate intervals as clinically appropriate.”;
- (b) in paragraph (b) in the right hand column of the third entry relating to Hepatitis A, omit “(either two or three)”; and
- (c) omit the eighth entry in relation to Smallpox.

(a) “Annualised sessions” are the number of sessions per week which a performer is contracted to work for a contractor averaged out over the period of a year. They include any sessions which a member of the Doctors' Retainer Scheme is employed or engaged by the contractor to undertake but which that member does not actually undertake because it falls on a statutory holiday or because the member is absent by reason of annual leave or any requirement to undertake continuing professional education.

Amendment of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Annex B of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013

6. In Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Annex B of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (Vaccines and Immunisations – vaccines and immunisations required for the purposes of foreign travel), in Table 2—

- (a) for paragraph (c)(ii) in the right hand column of the fourth entry relating to Poliomyelitis, substitute—
 - “(ii) as many doses as required to ensure that a full schedule has been administered at the appropriate intervals as clinically appropriate.”; and
- (b) omit the fifth entry in relation to Smallpox.

Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 from 1st October 2016

7. In Annex G of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (dispensing payments)—

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

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE REQUIRED OR AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	230.8
458-571	227.5
572-687	224.5
688-800	221.6
801-916	219
917-1029	216.7
1030-1430	214.4
1431-2001	212.4
2002-2287	210.5
2288-2859	208.9
2860-3430	207.4
3431-4002	206.2
4003-4572	205.1
4573 and over	204.4

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

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED OR AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	240.5
458 – 571	237.2
572 – 687	234.2
688 – 800	231.3
801 – 916	228.8
917 – 1029	226.4
1030 – 1430	224.1
1431 – 2001	222.1
2002 – 2287	220.2
2288 – 2859	218.6
2860 – 3430	217.1
3431 – 4002	215.9
4003 – 4572	214.8
4573 and over	214

Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 from 1st April 2017

8. In Annex G of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (dispensing payments)—

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

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE REQUIRED OR AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	222.1
458 – 571	218.9
572 – 687	216
688 – 800	213.3
801 – 916	210.7
917 – 1029	208.5
1030 – 1430	206.3
1431 – 2001	204.4
2002 – 2287	202.6
2288 – 2859	201
2860 – 3430	199.6
3431 – 4002	198.4
4003 – 4572	197.4
4573 and over	196.6

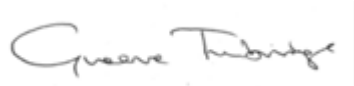
- (b) for the table in Part 3 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services), substitute—

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED OR AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 457	231.4
458 – 571	228.2

572 – 687	225.3
688 – 800	222.6
801 – 916	220.1
917 – 1029	217.8
1030 – 1430	215.6
1431 – 2001	213.7
2002 – 2287	211.9
2288 – 2859	210.3
2860 – 3430	208.9
3431 – 4002	207.8
4003 – 4572	206.7
4573 and over	206

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.



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