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### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2015

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(1) and (3)(e), 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 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 for Health considers appropriate.

#### Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2015.

(2) Except as provided in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), these Directions come into force on 1st October 2015.

(3) Paragraph 4(1) has effect from 1st April 2015.

(4) Paragraphs 6(b) and 7(b) have effect from 1st April 2016.

#### Interpretation

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

#### Amendment of section 2 of the principal Directions

3. In section 2 of the principal Directions (global sum payments)—

- (a) in paragraph 2.3 (calculation of a contractor’s first Initial Global Sum Monthly Payment), for “£75.77” substitute “£76.51”; and
- (b) in paragraph 2.5 (calculation of Adjusted Global Sum Monthly Payments) for “5.39%” substitute “5.34%”.

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(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”). 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. 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.

(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, and the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2015 which were signed on 23rd March 2015. 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 15 of the principal Directions**

4. In section 15 of the principal Directions (payments for maternity, paternity and adoptive leave), in paragraph 15.5(a) (amounts payable), for “£1113.74” substitute “£1131.74”.

### **Amendment of section 19 of the principal Directions**

5. In section 19 of the principal Directions (seniority payments), for the table in paragraph 19.12 (annual rate of seniority payments for practitioners) substitute the following table—

<i>Years of reckonable service</i>	<i>Full annual rate of payment per practitioner before 1st October 2015</i>	<i>Adjusted rate of full annual payments from 1st October 2015</i>
0	£0.00	£0.00
1	£0.00	£0.00
2	£0.00	£0.00
3	£0.00	£0.00
4	£0.00	£0.00
5	£0.00	£0.00
6	£0.00	£0.00
7	£0.00	£0.00
8	£753	£581.27
9	£842	£650.74
10	£944	£728.71
11	£1,057	£815.94
12	£1,184	£913.97
13	£1,326	£1,023.59
14	£1,486	£1,147.10
15	£1,664	£1,284.50
16	£3,185	£2,458.62
17	£3,504	£2,704.87
18	£3,854	£2,975.04
19	£4,239	£3,272.24
20	£4,663	£3,599.54
21	£5,129	£3,959.26
22	£6,785	£5,237.59
23	£6,989	£5,395.06
24	£7,198	£5,556.40

25	£7,414	£5,723.14
26	£7,637	£5,895.28
27	£7,866	£6,072.05
28	£8,225	£6,349.18
29	£8,455	£6,526.72
30	£8,692	£6,709.67
31	£8,935	£6,897.25
32	£9,186	£7,091.01
33	£9,433	£7,281.68
34	£9,707	£7,493.19
35	£9,979	£7,703.16
36	£10,258	£7,918.53
37	£10,546	£8,140.84
38	£10,841	£8,368.56
39	£11,144	£8,602.46
40	£11,457	£8,844.08
41	£11,777	£9,091.10
42	£12,107	£9,345.84
43	£12,446	£9,607.52
44	£12,795	£9,876.93
45	£13,153	£10,153.28
46	£13,521	£10,437.35
47	£13,900	£10,729.92

**Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G of the Principal Directions from 1st October 2015**

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

- (a) for the table in Part 2 (dispensing feescall 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 455	211.5
456 - 568	208.5
569 - 683	205.8

684 - 796	203.2
797 - 911	200.7
912 - 1023	198.6
1024 - 1422	196.5
1423 - 1990	194.7
1991 - 2275	193.0
2276 - 2844	191.5
2845 - 3412	190.1
3413 - 3981	189.0
3982 - 4548	188.0
4549 and over	187.3

- (b) for the table in Part 3 (dispensing feescall for contractors that are not 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 455	220.4
456 - 568	217.4
569 - 683	214.7
684 - 796	212.0
797 - 911	209.7
912 - 1023	207.5
1024 - 1422	205.4
1423 - 1990	203.6
1991 - 2275	201.8
2276 - 2844	200.3
2845 - 3412	199.0
3413 - 3981	197.9
3982 - 4548	196.9

4549 and over	196.2
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**Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G of the principal Directions effective from 1st April 2016**

7. In Annex G of the Principal Directions (dispensing payments)—
- (a) for the table in Part 2 (dispensing feescall 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 455	214.9
456 - 568	211.9
569 - 683	209.1
684 - 796	206.4
797 - 911	204.0
912 - 1023	201.8
1024 - 1422	199.7
1423 - 1990	197.8
1991 - 2275	196.1
2276 - 2844	194.5
2845 - 3412	193.2
3413 - 3981	192.1
3982 - 4548	191.1
4549 and over	190.3

- (b) for the table in Part 3 (dispensing feescall for contractors that are not 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 455	224.0
456 - 568	220.9

569 - 683	218.1
684 - 796	215.5
797 - 911	213.1
912 - 1023	210.8
1024 - 1422	208.7
1423 - 1990	206.8
1991 - 2275	205.1
2276 - 2844	203.6
2845 - 3412	202.2
3413 - 3981	201.1
3982 - 4548	200.1
4549 and over	199.4

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.



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