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### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

#### The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2018

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, taking effect, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No.2) Directions 2018.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraphs (3) to (5), these Directions come into force on, and have effect from, the day after the day on which they are signed.

(3) Direction 2 has effect from 1st April 2018.

(4) Direction 3 has effect from 1st October 2018.

(5) Direction 4 comes into force on, and has effect from, 1st April 2019.

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

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

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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. Section 273 of the 2006 Act was amended by sections 21(6), 47(7) and 55(1) of, and paragraph 137 of Schedule 4 to, the 2012 Act.

(b) The National Health Service Commissioning Board (known as “NHS England”) was established by section 1H of the 2006 Act.

(c) 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; and the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2018 which were signed on 29th March 2018. Copies are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-primary-medical-services-directions-2013> and from the Department of Health and Social Care, 4th Floor, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

## **Amendment of Section 2 of the principal Directions**

2. In Section 2 of the principal Directions (global sum payments), in paragraph 2.3 (calculation of a contractor's first Initial Global Sum Monthly Payment), for “£87.92” substitute “£88.96”.

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

3. In Annex G to the principal Directions (dispensing payments)—

(a) for the table in Part 2 (dispensing feescales 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 456	246.7
457 - 570	243.1
571 - 686	240.0
687 - 799	236.9
800 - 914	234.1
915 - 1027	231.6
1028 - 1427	229.1
1428 - 1998	227.0
1999 - 2283	225.0
2284 - 2854	223.3
2855 - 3424	221.7
3425 - 3996	220.4
3997 - 4564	219.3
4565 and over	218.4

(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 456	257.0
457 - 570	253.3
571 - 686	250.3
687 - 799	247.3
800 - 914	244.6
915 - 1027	242.0
1028 - 1427	239.5
1428 - 1998	237.4
1999 - 2283	235.4
2284 - 2854	233.6
2855 - 3424	232.1
3425 - 3996	230.8
3997 - 4564	229.6
4565 and over	228.8

**Amendment of Parts 2 and 3 of Annex G to the principal Directions from 1st April 2019**

**4. In Annex G to the principal Directions (dispensing payments)—**

- (a) for the table in Part 2 (dispensing feescales 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 456	230.8
457 - 570	227.5
571 - 686	224.5
687 - 799	221.6
800 - 914	219.0
915 - 1027	216.7
1028 - 1427	214.4
1428 - 1998	212.4
1999 - 2283	210.5
2284 - 2854	208.9
2855 - 3424	207.4
3425 - 3996	206.2
3997 - 4564	205.1
4565 and over	204.4

- (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 456	240.5
457 - 570	237.1
571 - 686	234.2
687 - 799	231.3
800 - 914	228.8
915 - 1027	226.3
1028 - 1427	224.0
1428 - 1998	222.1
1999 - 2283	220.2
2284 - 2854	218.6
2855 - 3424	217.1
3425 - 3996	215.9
3997 - 4564	214.8
4565 and over	214.0

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of two distinct, stylized parts. The first part on the left is a cursive 'S' followed by a loop. The second part on the right is a cursive 'H' followed by a horizontal stroke.

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

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