
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2023

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98A(3), 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a), gives the following Directions:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2023, and come into force on 1 April 2023.

(2) These Directions are given to NHS England(b)

Amendment of the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2022

2.—(1) The Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2022(c) are amended as follows.

(2) In direction 2 (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “GMS Contracts Regulations” substitute—

““GMS Contracts Regulations” means the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2015(d)”;

(b) for the definition of “PMS Agreements Regulations” substitute—

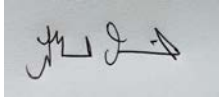
““PMS Agreements Regulations” means the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements) Regulations 2015(e)”; and

(c) omit the definition of “primary care network”.

(3) In direction 7 (other contractual terms), in paragraph (1)(x), omit the words “(except regulation 49 (orders for drugs, medicines and appliances))”.

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

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- (a) 2006 c.41. Section 98A of the National Health Service Act 2006 (“the Act”) was inserted by section 49(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7) (“the 2012 Act”). The powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England, by virtue of section 271(1) of the Act.
- (b) NHS England (formerly known as the National Health Service Commissioning Board) was established by section 1H of the Act. Section 1H was inserted into the Act by section 9(1) of the 2012 Act. The National Health Service Commissioning Board was renamed “NHS England” by section 1 of the Health and Care Act 2022.
- (c) The Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2022 were signed on 29th September 2022. Hard copies are available from the Department of Health and Social Care, GP Policy Team, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.
- (d) S.I. 2015/1862, as amended by S.I. 2016/211, 481, 696, 875 and 1077, 2017/908, 2018/844 and 1114, 2019/1137 and 2020/226, 351 and 911, 2021/331 and 995, 2022/404, 687 and 935 and 2023/171.
- (e) S.I. 2015/1879, as amended by S.I. 2016/211, 481, 696, 875 and 1077, 2017/908, 2018/844 and 1114, 2019/1137 and 2020/226, 351 and 911, 2021/331 and 995, 2022/404, 687 and 935 and 2023/171.



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