DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2021

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care gives the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98A(3), 272(7) and (8) and 273(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a).

Citation, commencement, extent and application

- **1.**—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2021.
 - (2) These Directions come into force on 1st April 2021.
 - (3) These Directions extend to England and Wales, but apply to England only(b).
 - (4) These Directions are given to the National Health Service Commissioning Board(c).

Amendment of direction 14 of the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2020

- **2.** In the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2020, in paragraph (1) of direction 14, after sub-paragraph (b) insert—
 - "(ba) regulation 59B (vaccines and immunisations: duty of co-operation);
 - (bb) regulation 59C (vaccines and immunisations: appointments);
 - (bc) regulation 59D (vaccines and immunisations: catch-up campaigns);
 - (bd) regulation 59E (vaccines and immunisations: additional staff training);
 - (be) regulation 59F (vaccines and immunisations: nominated person)(d);".

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

Date: 31st March 2021

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

⁽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 sections 98A, 272 and 273 of the Act are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England (see section 271(1) of the Act).

⁽b) By virtue of section 271(1) of the Act, the powers being exercised by the Secretary of State in making these Directions are exercisable only in relation to England.

⁽c) The National Health Service Commissioning Board (known as "NHS England") was established by section 1H of the Act. Section 1H of the Act was inserted by section 9(1) of the 2012 Act.

⁽d) Part 10A of the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1879) was inserted by the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Personal Medical Services Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/331). Part 10A imposes various additional duties in connection with the provision of vaccines and immunisations (other than those offered or administered to a patient under a private arrangement).