
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2018

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

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2018 and come into force on 1st October 2018.

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

(3) In these Directions “the principal Directions” means the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2016(c).

Amendment of direction 14 of the principal Directions

2. In direction 14 of the principal Directions (mandatory terms for an APMS contract under which essential services are to be provided), in paragraph (1)—

(a) for sub-paragraph (f), substitute—

“(f) regulations 64 and 64A (patient access to online services);”;

(b) for sub-paragraph (m) substitute—

“(m) Schedule 2, paragraph 16 (patients aged 75 and over: accountable GP) and paragraph 16A (NHS e-Referral Service);” and

(c) for sub-paragraph (o) substitute—

“(o) Schedule 2, paragraph 21 (patient preference of practitioner) and paragraph 24 (removal from the list of patients who are violent);”.

Amendment of direction 15 of the of the principal Directions

3. In direction 15 of the principal Directions (mandatory terms for an APMS contract under which out of hours services are to be provided), in paragraph 1(a), for “the document entitled “National Quality Requirements in the Delivery of Out of Hours Services” published on 20th July

(a) 2006 c.41. Section 98A was inserted into the National Health Service Act 2006 (“the Act”) by section 49(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7) (“the 2012 Act). There are no amendments to section 273(1) of the Act. The powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England by virtue of section 272(1) of the Act.

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

(c) The Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2016 were signed on 3rd October 2016 and are available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/588880/APMS_Direction_s_2016.pdf. Hard copies may be requested from the Department of Health and Social Care, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

2006” substitute “the Integrated Urgent Care Key Performance Indicators” published on 25th June 2018(a)”.

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



Edward Scully
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Date 25/09/2018

(a) The Integrated Urgent Care Key Performance Indicators, published on 25th June 2018, are available at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/integrated-urgent-care-key-performance-indicators.pdf>. Further information or hard copies may be requested from NHS England, PO Box 16738, Redditch, B97 7PT.