
D I R E C T I O N S

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2023

The Secretary of State gives the following Directions 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 has consulted with the body appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate.

Citation, commencement, extent, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2023.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1st October 2023 and, except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (3), have effect from that date.

(3) Direction 2(2) has effect from 1st April 2023.

(4) These Directions are given to NHS England.

(5) These Directions extend to England and Wales and apply to England only.

(6) In these Directions, “the Principal Directions” means the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2023(b).

Amendment of the Principal Directions—

2.—(1) The Principal Directions are amended as follows.

(2) In Part 1 (global sum)—

(a) in Section 3(4), for “£102.28” substitute “£104.73”; and

(b) in Section 3(9)(d), for “£102.28” substitute “£104.73”.

(3) In Part 5 (vaccinations and immunisations)—

(a) In section 19 (general) —

(i) For Table 2 (adult routine immunisation) substitute the following—

“ Table 2

Age	Disease	Vaccine Given	Type of Offer
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(a) 2006 c. 41. Section 87 is amended by paragraph 33 of Schedule 4 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7). By virtue of section 271(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006, the powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.

(b) The Directions were signed on 31st March 2023. Copies of the Directions are available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-primary-medical-services-directions-2013. Hard copies can be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Care, 4th Floor, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

2 to 64 years (in a clinical at risk group)	Pneumococcal (23 serotypes)	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV)	Call / recall if in a defined clinical risk group
65 years	Pneumococcal (23 serotypes)	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV)	Call at 65 years old if not in a defined clinical risk group Opportunistic offer or if requested thereafter
70 to 79 years on or before 31 August 2023 and at the point of vaccination (routine) who are immunocompetent individuals	Shingles	Will receive Zostavax (until depleted). Once Zostavax is depleted to receive Shingrix (2 dose schedule, second dose 6 to 12 months after the first)	Call / recall when become eligible Opportunistic or if requested until aged 80 years
70 to 79 years on or after 1 September 2023 and at the point of vaccination (routine) who are immunocompetent individuals	Shingles	Shingrix (2 dose schedule, second dose 6 to 12 months after the first)	Call/recall when become eligible Opportunistic or if requested until aged 80 years
50 years and over at the point of vaccination who fall within an immunocompromised cohort, including those individuals 70-79 years contraindicated to Zostavax	Shingles	Shingrix (2 dose schedule, second dose 8 weeks to 6 months after the first)	Call/recall when become eligible Opportunistic or if requested.
Age 65 on or after 1 September 2023 and at the point of vaccination who are immunocompetent individuals (catch up programme 65-69)	Shingles	Shingrix (2 dose schedule, second dose 6 to 12 months after the first)	Call/recall when become eligible Opportunistic or if requested.

(ii) For Table 4 (other vaccination programme schedule) substitute the following—
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Age	Disease	Vaccine Given	Type of Offer
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14 to 24 years (catch-up, where not administered under the schools programme)	Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y disease (completing dose)	MenACWY	Opportunistic or if requested
14 to 24 years (where the individual was eligible to receive the vaccine under routine schools immunisation programme but missed vaccination under the schools programme)	Human papillomavirus (HPV) types 16 and 18 (and genital warts caused by types 6 and 11) (completing dose) - until depleted	HPV	Opportunistic or if requested
14 to 24 years (where the individual was eligible to receive the vaccine under routine schools immunisation programme but missed vaccination under the schools programme) N.B Eligibility includes girls born after 1 September 1991 and boys include males born on or after 1 September 2006	Human papillomavirus (HPV) HPV types (6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52 and 58 – nine valent vaccine)	HPV (2 dose schedule) (1 dose schedule from 1 September 2023 for those who have not received an HPV vaccination)	Opportunistic or if requested
14 to 24 years immunocompromised individuals (where the individual was eligible to receive the vaccine under routine schools immunisation programme but missed vaccination under the schools programme)	Human papillomavirus (HPV) HPV types (6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52 and 58 – nine valent vaccine)	HPV (a 3 dose schedule is required for immunocompromised individuals)	Opportunistic or if requested
6 years and over (unknown or incomplete vaccination history where clinically indicated)	Measles, Mumps and Rubella	MMR	Opportunistic or if requested. If requested and only if considered to be at high risk of exposure (a)

(4) In Annex G (dispensing payments)—

(a) The decision on when to vaccinate older adults needs to take into account a consideration of the past vaccination history, the likelihood of an individual remaining susceptible and the future risk of exposure and disease. Individuals born before 1970 are likely to have had all three natural infections and are less likely to be susceptible. MMR vaccine should only be offered to such individuals on request or if they are risk assessed to be at high risk of exposure.

- (a) For Part 2 (dispensing feescall for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services) substitute the following—

“ PART 2

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE AUTHORISED OR REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

From 1st October 2023

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 464	207.4
465 - 581	204.4
582 - 698	201.7
699 - 813	199.1
814 - 931	196.8
932 - 1045	194.7
1046 - 1453	192.6
1454 - 2034	190.8
2035 - 2324	189.2
2325 - 2906	187.7
2907 - 3485	186.4
3486 - 4067	185.3
4068 - 4646	184.3
4647 and over	183.6

From 1st April 2024

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 464	235.0
465 - 581	231.6
582 - 698	228.6
699 - 813	225.7
814 - 931	223.0
932 - 1045	220.6
1046 - 1453	218.3
1454 - 2034	216.3
2035 - 2324	214.4
2325 - 2906	212.7
2907 - 3485	211.2
3486 - 4067	210.0
4068 - 4646	208.9
4647 and over	208.1

- (b) For Part 3 (dispensing feescall for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services) substitute the following—

“ PART 3

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE NOT AUTHORISED OR REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

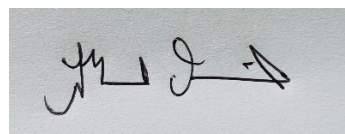
From 1st October 2023

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 464	216.1
465 - 581	213.1
582 - 698	210.4
699 - 813	207.9
814 - 931	205.6
932 - 1045	203.4
1046 - 1453	201.3
1454 - 2034	199.5
2035 - 2324	197.9
2325 - 2906	196.4
2907 - 3485	195.1
3486 - 4067	194.0
4068 - 4646	193.0
4647 and over	192.3

From 1st April 2024

<i>Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands</i>	<i>Prices per prescription in pence</i>
Up to 464	244.8
465 - 581	241.5
582 - 698	238.5
699 - 813	235.5
814 - 931	233.0
932 - 1045	230.5
1046 - 1453	228.2
1454 - 2034	226.1
2035 - 2324	224.2
2325 - 2906	222.5
2907 - 3485	221.1
3486 - 4067	219.9
4068 - 4646	218.7
4647 and over	218.0

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



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