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## DIRECTIONS

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# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2024

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 2024, and come into force—

- (a) subject to sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), on 27 May 2024;
- (b) direction 2(3)(b) comes into force on 1 October 2024;
- (c) direction 2(3)(d) comes into force on 31 October 2024.

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

### Amendment to the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2022

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

(2) In direction 7 (other contractual terms) in paragraph (1)—

- (a) In sub-paragraph (b) omit the words from “, but as if” to the end of that sub-paragraph;
- (b) In sub-paragraph (c) omit the words “and (3)”;
- (c) In sub-paragraph (n)—
  - (i) after ““which must require” insert “the same categories of information to be provided by all persons who hold agreements with NHS England”;
  - (ii) omit “to the end”.

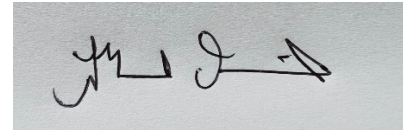
(3) In direction 14 (mandatory terms of an APMS contract under which essential services are to be provided) in paragraph (1)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (bb) for “appointments” substitute “standards”;
- (b) omit sub-paragraph (ia);
- (c) in sub-paragraph (k)—
  - (i) after “(duty of co-operation)” for “and” substitute “;”;

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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.31).
  - (c) The Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2022 were signed on 29th September 2022 and amended by the Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2023 signed on 10th March 2023 and the Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2023 signed on 28th of March 2023. Hard copies are available from the Department of Health and Social Care, GP Policy Team, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

- (ii) at the end of the sub-paragraph insert “and 10B (Duty to have regard to Armed Forces Covenant principles)”**(a)**;
- (d) after sub-paragraph (n) insert—  
“(na) Schedule 2, paragraph 17 (application for inclusion in a list of patients);”.

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



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(a) Paragraph 10B was inserted by paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2024/575.