
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2024

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 2024.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1st October 2024 except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (3).

(3) Directions 2(2)(b) comes into force on 1st January 2025.

(4) These Directions are given to NHS England.

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

(7) In these Directions, “the Principal Directions” means the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2024(b).

Amendment of the Principal Directions

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

(2) In Part 4 (payments for specific purposes), in section 16 (dispensing)—

(a) in paragraph (3)—

(i) for sub-paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) For—

(i) products listed in Part VIIC(ii) of the Drug Tariff, the basic price of the drug or appliance, which is the price calculated in accordance with Part II clause 8 (Basic Price), clause 10 (A and B) (Quality to be supplied), clause 11 (Broken Bulk), clause 13 (Reconstitution of Certain Oral Liquids) and Part VIIC(ii) of the Drug Tariff,

(a) 2006 c.41. Section 87 is amended by paragraph 1 (1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Health and Care Act 2022 (c.31). 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 25th March 2024. 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.

(ii) other products, the basic price of the drug or appliance, which is the price as calculated in accordance with Part II clause 8 (Basic Price), clause 10 (A and B) (Quantity to be Supplied), clause 11 (Broken Bulk), clause 13 (Reconstitution of Certain Oral Liquids) and Part VIIIA (Basic Prices of Drugs) of the Drug Tariff, less a discount calculated in accordance with Part 1 of Annex G.”.

(ii) in sub-paragraph (c), for “the discount has been calculated in accordance with Part 1 of Annex G”, substitute “any discount in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)”.

(b) in paragraph (4)—

(i) after sub-paragraph (e), insert “(f) sub-dermal contraceptive implants”.

(3) In Annex G (dispensing payments)—

(a) in Part 2 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services), for the first table substitute—

“From 1st October 2024

Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands	Prices per prescription in pence
Up to 472	234.8
473 - 591	231.4
592 - 710	228.4
711 - 827	225.5
828 - 947	222.8
948 - 1063	220.5
1064 - 1478	218.1
1479 - 2069	216.1
2070 - 2364	214.2
2365 - 2956	212.5
2957 - 3545	211.1
3546 - 4137	209.8
4138 - 4726	208.7
4727 and over	207.9”

(b) in Part 3 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services), for first table substitute—

“From 1st October 2024

Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands	Prices per prescription in pence
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Up to 472	244.6
473 - 591	241.3
592 - 710	238.3
711 - 827	235.4
828 - 947	232.8
948 - 1063	230.3
1064 - 1478	228.0
1479 - 2069	225.9
2070 - 2364	224.0
2365 - 2956	222.4
2957 - 3545	220.9
3546 - 4137	219.7
4138 - 4726	218.6
4727 and over	217.8”

(4) In Annex G (dispensing payments)—

(a) in Part 2 (dispensing feescala for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services), for the second table substitute—

“From 1st April 2025

Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands	Prices per prescription in pence
Up to 472	229.0
473 - 591	225.7
592 - 710	222.8
711 - 827	220.0
828 - 947	217.3
948 - 1063	215.0
1064 - 1478	212.8
1479 - 2069	210.8
2070 - 2364	208.9
2365 - 2956	207.3
2957 - 3545	205.9
3546 - 4137	204.7

4138 - 4726	203.6
4727 and over	202.8”

(b) in Part 3 (dispensing feescale for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services), for second table substitute—

“**From 1st April 2025**

Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands	Prices per prescription in pence
Up to 472	238.6
473 - 591	235.4
592 - 710	232.4
711 - 827	229.6
828 - 947	227.1
948 - 1063	224.7
1064 - 1478	222.4
1479 - 2069	220.4
2070 - 2364	218.5
2365 - 2956	216.9
2957 - 3545	215.5
3546 - 4137	214.3
4138 - 4726	213.2
4727 and over	212.4”

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



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