
D I R E C T I O N S

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The Alternative Provider Medical Services (Amendment) Directions 2026

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98A(3), 272(7) and 273(1) 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 2026.

(2) These Directions come into force on the 18 July 2026.

(3) These Directions are given to NHS England(a).

Amendment to the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2026

2.—(1) The Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2026(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In Direction 7(2), in paragraph h, for “paragraph 43 (sub-contracting of clinical matters)”, substitute—

“paragraph 43(11) (sub-contracting of clinical matters)”.

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



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(a) 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).

(b) The Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2026 were signed on 11th June 2026. Hard copies are available from the Department of Health and Social Care, GP Policy Team, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.