

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1977

ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER MEDICAL SERVICES (No 2) DIRECTIONS 2004

PRIMARY CARE TRUST MEDICAL SERVICES (No 2) DIRECTIONS 2004

Summary of Amendments

Alternative Provider Medical Services

Direction 1(2): has been amended to include definitions of “bank holiday”, “out of hours period” and “out of hours services” to give greater clarity.

Direction 1(3): minor drafting amendments have been made.

Direction 2: has been amended to ensure consistency with definition of “APMS” in direction 1. The APMS directions are intended to apply to arrangements made between NHS bodies and to contracts made with non-NHS bodies.

Direction 3: has been amended in the light of JCSI comments made on the NHS (GMS Contract) Regulations 2004. The amendments ensure a consistency of style.

Direction 5: has been amended to correct a number of cross references, which were either wrong in the previous version or need changing in the light of amendments to the PMS Agreements Regulations made by SI 2004/2694.

Direction 11: This amendment removes the requirements in relation to GP Registrars as these are already included in direction 5.

Direction 12: has been amended to include the new quality requirements for Out of Hours services set out in “National Quality Requirements in the Delivery of Out of Hours Services” published on 14 October.

Primary Care Trust Medical Services

Direction 1(2): has been amended to include definitions of “bank holiday”, “general Medical Practitioner”, “GP Registrar”, “medical officer”, “out of hours period” and “out of hours services” to reflect the amendments made to the GMS Contract and PMS Agreement Regulations and to bring greater clarity.

Direction 2 (h): has been amended to remove an unnecessary cross reference

Direction 6: has been amended to make clear that the requirement for clinical reports does not apply in the case of out of hours services, which are instead governed by the new OOH requirements

Direction 7: has been amended in the light of the new requirements for Out of Hours services.

Direction 8(4): has been amended to clarify the persons to whom direction 8(3) applies.

Direction 12: has been amended to correct a cross reference

Direction 13: has been amended to reflect amendments made to the GMS and PMS Regulations in relation to the inclusion of GP Registrars on the medical performers list.

Direction 19 has been amended to reflect the fact that the term “general medical practitioner” is now defined in the interpretation direction.