

SCHEDULE 1

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS INCLUDED IN SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

Treatment of patients

5.—(1) If the condition of a patient is such that the patient requires treatment which is not within the scope of the practitioner's obligations under these terms of service, but such treatment is to the knowledge of the practitioner available under the National Health Service, the practitioner shall inform the patient of the fact and if the patient so wishes, shall take all necessary steps to enable the patient to receive such treatment. The practitioner shall also give patients such advice or assistance as the practitioner considers appropriate to enable them to take advantage of other medical services available under the National Health Service.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a practitioner shall render the services referred to in paragraph 4 during the hours for which the principal is normally available (in this paragraph referred to as "normal hours") in accordance with paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Regulations—

(a) at the practice premises; or

(b) in the case of a patient whose condition is such that in the practitioner's reasonable opinion it would be inappropriate for the patient to attend at the practice premises, at whichever is appropriate of the places set out in paragraph 13(5) of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Regulations.

(3) Outside normal hours the practitioner shall consider, in the light of the patient's medical condition, whether a consultation is needed, and if so, when and where it should take place having regard to the requirements imposed on the principal under paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Regulations.

(4) A practitioner shall issue to a patient or the patient's personal representatives free of charge any certificate of a description prescribed in the first column of Schedule 9 to the 1995 Regulations which is reasonably required under or for the purposes of the enactments specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite and in relation to the description of the certificate in the first column.

(5) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above shall not apply in the case of a patient who attends when an appointment system is in operation and who has not previously made, and is not given, an appointment. In such a case the practitioner may decline to attend the patient during that surgery period, if the patient's health would not thereby be jeopardised and the patient is offered an appointment to attend within a reasonable time having regard to all circumstances. The practitioner shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a consultation is not so deferred except in accordance with his instructions.