



National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 46

PART I

PILOT SCHEMES FOR PRIMARY CARE

Preparation and making of pilot schemes

1 Pilot schemes

- (1) In this Act “pilot scheme” means one or more agreements made by an authority with respect to their area and in accordance with this Part under which—
 - (a) personal medical services are provided (otherwise than by the authority); or
 - (b) personal dental services are provided (otherwise than by the authority).
- (2) A pilot scheme may not combine arrangements for the provision of personal medical services with arrangements for the provision of personal dental services.
- (3) A pilot scheme may include arrangements for the provision of services—
 - (a) which are not personal medical services or personal dental services; but
 - (b) which may be provided under Part I of the National Health Service Act 1977 or (as the case may be) Part I or III of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.
- (4) In this Act “piloted services” means services provided in accordance with a pilot scheme (including any services to which the scheme applies by virtue of subsection (3)).
- (5) Except to such extent as may be prescribed—
 - (a) a patient for whom personal medical services are provided under a pilot scheme is not to count as a person for whom arrangements must be made by the authority concerned under section 29 of the 1977 Act or section 19 of the 1978 Act;

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- (b) a patient for whom personal dental services are provided under a pilot scheme is not to count as a person for whom arrangements must be made by the authority concerned under section 35 of the 1977 Act or section 25 of the 1978 Act.
- (6) Regulations may provide—
- (a) for functions which are exercisable by a Health Authority in relation to a pilot scheme to be exercisable on behalf of the Authority by a Health Board; and
 - (b) for functions which are exercisable by a Health Board in relation to a pilot scheme to be exercisable on behalf of the Board by a Health Authority.
- (7) The functions of an NHS trust include power to provide piloted services, and to do so as a member of a qualifying body (within the meaning of section 2 or 3).
- (8) For the purposes of this Part—
- “authority” means—
 - (a) in relation to England and Wales, a Health Authority; and
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, a Health Board;
 - “personal medical services” means medical services of a kind that may be provided by a general medical practitioner in accordance with arrangements made under Part II of the 1977 Act or (as the case may be) Part II of the 1978 Act; and
 - “personal dental services” means dental services of a kind that may be provided by a general dental practitioner in accordance with arrangements made under Part II of the 1977 Act or (as the case may be) Part II of the 1978 Act.