National Health Service Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 41

PART 7

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES AND LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

CHAPTER 6

DISQUALIFICATION

151 Disqualification of practitioners

(1) If it appears to **[**[F1]NHS England**]** that any of the conditions set out in subsections (2) to (4) is established in relation to a person included in a pharmaceutical list it may (or, in cases falling within subsection (5), must) decide to remove him from that list.

(2) The first condition is that the continued inclusion of the practitioner in the list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the services which those included in the list undertake to provide (and such a case is referred to in this Chapter as an "efficiency case").

(3) The second condition is that the practitioner—

(a) has (whether on his own or together with another) by an act or omission caused, or risked causing, detriment to any health scheme by securing or trying to secure for himself or another any financial or other benefit, and

(b) knew that he or the other was not entitled to the benefit,

(and such a case is referred to in this Chapter as a "fraud case").

(4) The third condition is that the practitioner is unsuitable to be included in the list (and such a case is referred to in this Chapter as an "unsuitability case").

(5) In unsuitability cases, **[**[F1]NHS England**]** must remove the practitioner from the list in prescribed circumstances.

(6) **[**[F1]NHS England**]** must state which condition (or conditions) it is relying on when removing a practitioner from a list.

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(7) "Health scheme" means—

(a) any of the health services under section 1(1) of this Act, section 1(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42), or any enactment corresponding to section 1(1) of this Act and extending to Scotland or Northern Ireland, and

(b) any prescribed scheme,

and regulations may prescribe any scheme for the purposes of this subsection which appears to the Secretary of State to be a health or medical scheme paid for out of public funds.

(8) Detriment to a health scheme includes detriment to any patient of, or person working in, that scheme or any person liable to pay charges for services provided under that scheme.

(9) In this Chapter a "practitioner" means a person included in a pharmaceutical list.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in Act substituted (1.7.2022) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), s. 186(6), Sch. 1 para. 1(1)**(2)**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 3B(1)(aa) inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 2(b)
- s. 3B(1)(za) inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 2(a)
- s. 13G(4) words omitted by virtue of 2012 c. 7, Sch. 14 para. 4A (as inserted) by 2014 c. 23 s. 120(18)(a)
- s. 35(3A)(3B) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 159(4)
- s. 35(3A) words substituted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 5 para. 12(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 35(3A) by 2012 c. 7 s.159(4) not yet in force.)
- s. 40(4)-(4B) substituted for s. 40(4) by 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 5
- s. 42(1A) inserted by 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 6
- s. 65F(2A)-(2F) inserted by 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 15(4) (This amendment is itself amended before it comes into force by 2014 c. 23, ss. 85(15), 120(18)(b)(c), 127(1); S.I. 2014/1714, art. 3(2)(b)(c))
- s. 65H(10A) inserted by 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 17(4)
- s. 65H(10A) omitted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 8 para. 7(7) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 revoked at 1.7.2022 by 2022 c. 31, s. 186(6), Sch. 7 para. 13 before the insertion of s. 65H(10A) could come into effect.)
- s. 82A-83A and cross-heading substituted for s. 83 and cross-heading by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 3
- s. 84(4)-(4B) substituted for s. 84(4) by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 4(4)
- s. 92(5A) inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 9(4)
- s. 94(3)(ca)(cb) substituted for s. 94(3)(ca) by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 11(3)
- s. 98A98B substituted for s. 98A by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 14
- s. 98BC-99B and cross-heading substituted for s. 99 and cross-heading by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 15
- s. 100(3A)(3B) inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 16(4)
- s. 109(3)(ca)(cb) substituted for s. 109(3)(ca) by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 23(3)
- s. 112(1)(za) inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 24(2)(b)
- s. 114A114B substituted for s. 114A by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 26
- s. 114C and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 27
- s. 116A116B and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 30
- s. 117(4)(4A) substituted for s. 117(4) by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 31(4)
- s. 125A125B substituted for s. 125A by 2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 39
- s. 223C(1)(c)(d) inserted by 2022 c. 31 s. 28
- s. 223LA inserted by 2022 c. 31 s. 30(3)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(1)(b) and word omitted by 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 39(3)