
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The National Health Service (Charges, Primary Medical Services and Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Coronavirus) (Further Amendments) Regulations 2021

PART 2

Amendments to the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

Amendment of regulation 6 of the PLPS Regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 6 of the PLPS Regulations⁽¹⁾ (subsequent assessments and later first assessments) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (A1)—

- (a) before “Any HWB” insert “Subject to paragraph (A3),”; and
- (b) for “1st April” substitute “1st October”.

(3) In paragraph (A2), for “1st April” substitute “1st October”.

(4) After paragraph (A2) insert—

“(A3) Any HWB established on or after 1st January 2022 must publish its first pharmaceutical needs assessment no later than twelve months after it is established.”.

(5) In paragraph (1), for from “After it” to “paragraph (A2),” substitute “Subject to paragraph (2), after it has published its first assessment as required by paragraph (A1) or (A3), or a revised assessment as required by paragraph (A2) or (2),”.

(6) In paragraph (2), for from “After it” to “a HWB” substitute “Each HWB that has published a pharmaceutical needs assessment”.

(7) After paragraph (3), insert—

“(3A) Pending the publication of a first pharmaceutical needs assessment under paragraph (A1) or (A3), a HWB (“HWB1”) may publish a supplementary statement explaining changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of a pharmaceutical needs assessment by another HWB (“HWB2”) prior to the establishment of HWB1, where—

- (a) the changes are relevant to the granting of applications referred to in section 129(2)(c)(i) or (ii) of the 2006 Act in respect of premises in a locality in the area of HWB1 that was, prior to HWB1’s establishment, in the area of HWB2; and

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- (b) HWB1 is in the course of making its first pharmaceutical needs assessment and is satisfied that immediate modification of HWB2's assessment is essential in order to prevent significant detriment to the provision of pharmaceutical services in that locality in the area of HWB1.”