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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 366**

**The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005**

**Amendment of the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2004**

2.—(1) The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2004<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 2 (drugs or medicines to be ordered only in certain circumstances)—

(a) In the appropriate place in the alphabetical order having regard to the name of the drug, insert in columns 1, 2 and 3 respectively—

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“Oseltamivir (Tamiflu)	(1) At-risk adult and child Treatment of influenza patients where —  (a) It has been determined in accordance with a community based virological surveillance scheme that influenza A or influenza B is circulating in the locality in which the patient resides or is present or was present at the time that the virus was circulating;  (b) the patient has an influenza-like illness; and  (c) the patient can start therapy within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.  (2) At-risk patients who Prophylaxis of influenza”; are aged 13 years and older and where —
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- (a) it has been determined in accordance with a community-based virological surveillance scheme that influenza A or influenza B is circulating in the locality in which the patient resides;
- (b) the patient has been exposed to an influenza-like illness as a result of being in close contact with someone with whom the patient lives who is, or has been, suffering from an influenza-like illness;
- (c) the patient is not effectively protected by vaccination against influenza because the patient —
  - (i) has not been vaccinated because vaccination is contra-indicated;
  - (ii) has not been vaccinated since the previous vaccination season;
  - (iii) has been vaccinated but the vaccination has yet to take effect; or
  - (iv) the patient has been vaccinated but the vaccine is not well

- matched to the strain of influenza circulating in the locality in which the patient resides or is or has been present;
- (d) the patient lives in a residential care establishment and another resident or member of staff of the establishment has an influenza-like illness; and
- (e) the patient can start prophylaxis within 48 hours of exposure to an influenza-like illness.

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“Zanamivir (Relenza)	At-risk adult patients where—	Treatment of influenza” .
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) it has been determined in accordance with a community based virological surveillance scheme that influenza A and influenza B is circulating in the locality in which the patient resides or is present or was present at the time that the virus was circulating;</li><li>(b) the patient has an influenza-like illness; and</li><li>(c) the patient can start therapy within 48 hours of the onset of the symptoms.</li></ul>	

(b) After the words “in this Schedule” insert in the appropriate place in the alphabetical order—

““at-risk” means an adult or child patient or a patient aged 13 years or older who—

- (a) has chronic respiratory disease (including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease);
- (b) has significant cardiovascular disease, excluding an adult or child patient who has hypertension only;

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- (c) has chronic renal disease;
  - (d) is immunocompromised;
  - (e) has diabetes mellitus; or
  - (f) is aged 65 years or over;”;
- ““child” means any person under the age of 16 years;” ;
- ““patient” has the same meaning as in the National Health Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2004(2);” ; and
- ““residential care establishment” means a place where persons reside on a long-term basis in order to receive continuing care.”.