
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The National Health Service (General Medical Services and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021

Amendments to the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018

5. After regulation 33 (out of hours) insert—

“Transitional arrangements for vaccination and immunisation services

33A.—(1) Where on 17 October 2021 a contract included a requirement to provide the vaccinations and immunisations additional service, the childhood vaccinations and immunisations additional service, or both services in accordance with schedule 1—

- (a) the Health Board may serve notice to the contractor requiring the contractor to continue to provide the vaccinations and immunisations additional service, the childhood vaccinations and immunisations additional service, or both services, for a period specified in the notice;
- (b) despite the revocation of paragraphs 4 and 5 of schedule 1, where the Health Board has given notice under sub-paragraph (a), paragraphs 4 and 5 of schedule 1 continue to have effect in relation to that contract on and after 18 October 2021 as they had effect immediately before that date, until the end of the period specified in the notice; and
- (c) where the Health Board has given notice under sub-paragraph (a), in relation to that contract, the definition of “additional services” in regulation 3(1) is to be read as including “vaccinations and immunisations” and “childhood vaccinations and immunisations”.

(2) A notice served by the Health Board under paragraph (1)(a) must—

- (a) be served not later than 1 December 2021; and
- (b) specify a period which ends no later than 1 April 2022.

(3) A notice served by the Health Board under sub-paragraph (1)(a) must list all of the vaccinations and immunisations which the contractor is required to provide as a consequence of the notice, as of the date of the notice. (4) A letter stating that the contractor is to continue to provide the vaccinations and immunisations additional service, the childhood vaccinations and immunisations additional service, or both services, for a period specified in the letter, which is sent by the Health Board to the contractor’s official correspondence address (specified in accordance with regulation 14) before the coming into force of this regulation is deemed to have the same effect as a notice under paragraph (1)(a), if it complies with the requirements of this regulation.

(5) The Health Board may reduce the duration of the period specified in a notice served under paragraph (1)(a) by serving the contractor with a further notice.

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(6) Where the contractor is required to provide vaccination services in accordance with schedule 2A, the contractor's obligation to provide services in accordance with a notice served under paragraph (1)(a) will end on the date on which the contractor's obligation to provide vaccination services begins.

(7) Subject to paragraph (9), prior to the contractor's duty to provide vaccination and immunisation services under this regulation ceasing the Health Board and the contractor must discuss how to inform patients of the change to how vaccinations and immunisations will be delivered to them.

(8) Subject to paragraph (9), if the Health Board requests it, the contractor must inform the contractor's patients of the change to how vaccinations and immunisations will be delivered to them by—

- (a) placing a notice in the practice's waiting room; and
- (b) including the information in the practice leaflet.

(9) Paragraphs (7) and (8) do not apply where the contractor is ceasing to provide the vaccinations and immunisations services under this regulation but will immediately begin providing vaccination services in accordance with schedule 2A.”