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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

**The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local  
Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2017**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>26th June 2017</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th June 2017</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>30th August 2017</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 126(2) and 272(8)(a) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 30th August 2017.

**Amendment of regulation 121 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013**

2. In regulation 121 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013(b) (Review of these Regulations), in paragraph (3), for “31st August 2017” substitute “31st March 2018”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

26th June 2017

*Stephen Brine*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Health

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (“the 2013 Regulations”). The 2013 Regulations govern the arrangements in England, under Part 7 of the National Health Service Act 2006, for the provision of pharmaceutical services and local pharmaceutical services.

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(a) 2006 c.41. Section 126 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”) has been amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), sections 213(7)(k) and 220(7), and Schedule 4, paragraph 63. By virtue of section 271(1) of the 2006 Act, the functions of the Secretary of State being exercised in the making of these Regulations are exercisable only in relation to England.

(b) S.I. 2013/349; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2016/296.

Regulation 121 of the 2013 Regulations provides for reviews of the 2013 Regulations to be undertaken and for the conclusions of the reviews to be set out in reports (generally within 5 years of the preceding report). The first such report was due to be published before the end of 31st August 2017 but this deadline has been changed to 31st March 2018.

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