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The Competition Act 1998 (Health Services for Patients in England) (Coronavirus) (Public Policy Exclusion) Order 2020

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Board" means the National Health Service Commissioning Board(1);

"coronavirus" means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2);

"facilities" includes the provision of (or the use of) premises, goods, materials, vehicles, plant or apparatus;

"the healthcare disruption period" means the period commencing on 1st March 2020 and ending on the date specified in the notice published by the Secretary of State under article 5(1) as the date on which the healthcare disruption period is to end;

"independent provider" means any person (other than an NHS body) that provides health services for the purposes of the NHS;

"the NHS" has the meaning given in section 64(4) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012(2);

"NHS body" has the meaning given in section 275 of the National Health Service Act 2006(3);

"qualifying activity" has the meaning given in article 3.

The National Health Service Commissioning Board was established by section 1H of the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), as inserted by section 9(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7).

^{(2) 2012} c. 7; section 64(4) was modified by S.I. 2012/2657

^{(3) 2006} c. 41; the definition of "NHS body" was inserted into section 275 by paragraph 138(1) and (2) of Schedule 4 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012.