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

PART 4

Amendments to the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2015 and the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements) Regulations 2015

Amendment of regulation 3 of the GMS Regulations

15.—(1) Regulation 3 of the GMS Regulations⁽¹⁾ (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

(a) omit the definitions of “listed medicines” and “listed medicines voucher”; and

(b) at the appropriate places in the alphabetical order insert—

““listed prescription items” means the prescription items mentioned in regulation 13(1) of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015 (exemption from charges: risks to public health);”;

““listed prescription items voucher” means a form which—

(a) is provided or approved by the Board for the purposes of ordering a prescription item mentioned in regulation 13(1) of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015; and

(b) may be an electronic form sent or to be sent via a secure service approved for this purpose by the Board;”.

Amendment of regulation 55 of the GMS Regulations

16.—(1) Regulation 55 of the GMS Regulations⁽²⁾ (prescribing: general) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)(c), for “listed medicines” substitute “listed prescription items”.

Amendment of regulation 56 of the GMS Regulations

17.—(1) Regulation 56 of the GMS Regulations⁽³⁾ (orders for drugs, medicines or appliances) is amended as follows.

(1) Amended by S.I. 2016/696 and 1077, 2018/844 and 1114, 2019/593, 1094 and 1137, 2020/226 and 351 and 2021/331 and 995.

(2) Amended by S.I. 2019/1137.

(3) Amended by S.I. 2018/1114.

- (2) In paragraph (3)—
- (a) for “listed medicine”, at each place where it occurs (four times), substitute “listed prescription item”;
 - (b) for “listed medicines”, at each place where it occurs (twice), substitute “listed prescription items”; and
 - (c) before “if one is used” insert “(with an electronic signature, if an electronic form is used)”.
- (3) In paragraph (4)—
- (a) for “listed medicine”, at each place where it occurs (four times), substitute “listed prescription item”;
 - (b) for “listed medicines”, at each place where it occurs (three times), substitute “listed prescription items”; and
 - (c) before “if one is used” insert “(with an electronic signature, if an electronic form is used)”.

Amendment of regulation 61 of the GMS Regulations

18.—(1) Regulation 61 of the GMS Regulations (restrictions on prescribing by medical practitioners) is amended as follows.

(2) For “listed medicines”, at each place where it occurs (twice), substitute “listed prescription items”.

(3) In paragraph (3)(c)(ii), for “listed medicine” substitute “listed prescription item”.

Amendment of regulation 62 of the GMS Regulations

19.—(1) Regulation 62 of the GMS Regulations (restrictions on prescribing by supplementary prescribers) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)(c)(iii)(bb)—

- (a) for “listed medicine” substitute “listed prescription item”; and
- (b) for “medicine’s” substitute “item’s”.

Amendment of regulation 3 of the PMS Regulations

20.—(1) Regulation 3 of the PMS Regulations(4) (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

- (a) omit the definitions of “listed medicines” and “listed medicines voucher”; and
- (b) at the appropriate places in the alphabetical order insert—

““listed prescription items” means the prescription items mentioned in regulation 13(1) of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015 (exemption from charges: risks to public health);”;

““listed prescription items voucher” means a form which—

- (a) is provided or approved by the Board for the purposes of ordering a prescription item mentioned in regulation 13(1) of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015; and
- (b) may be an electronic form sent or to be sent via a secure service approved for this purpose by the Board;”.

(4) Amended by S.I. 2016/696 and 1077, 2018/844 and 1114, 2019/593, 1094 and 1137, 2020/226 and 351 and 2021/331 and 995.

Amendment of regulation 48 of the PMS Regulations

- 21.**—(1) Regulation 48 of the PMS Regulations⁽⁵⁾ (prescribing: general) is amended as follows,
(2) In paragraph (1)(c), for “listed medicines” substitute “listed prescription items”.

Amendment of regulation 49 of the PMS Regulations

22.—(1) Regulation 49 of the PMS Regulations⁽⁶⁾ (orders for drugs, medicines or appliances) is amended as follows.

- (2) In paragraph (3)—
- (a) for “listed medicine”, at each place where it occurs (four times), substitute “listed prescription item”;
 - (b) for “listed medicines”, at each place where it occurs (twice), substitute “listed prescription items”; and
 - (c) before “if one is used” insert “(with an electronic signature, if an electronic form is used)”.
- (3) In paragraph (4)—
- (a) for “listed medicine”, at each place where it occurs (four times), substitute “listed prescription item”;
 - (b) for “listed medicines”, at each place where it occurs (three times), substitute “listed prescription items”; and
 - (c) before “if one is used” insert “(with an electronic signature, if an electronic form is used)”.

Amendment of regulation 54 of the PMS Regulations

23.—(1) Regulation 54 of the PMS Regulations (restrictions on prescribing by medical practitioners) is amended as follows.

- (2) For “listed medicines”, at each place where it occurs (twice), substitute “listed prescription items”.
- (3) In paragraph (3)(c)(ii), for “listed medicine” substitute “listed prescription item”.

Amendment of regulation 55 of the PMS Regulations

24.—(1) Regulation 55 of the PMS Regulations (restrictions on prescribing by supplementary prescribers) is amended as follows.

- (2) In paragraph (2)(c)(iii)(bb)—
- (a) for “listed medicine” substitute “listed prescription item”; and
 - (b) for “medicine’s” substitute “item’s”.

⁽⁵⁾ Amended by [S.I. 2019/1137](#).
⁽⁶⁾ Amended by [S.I. 2018/1114](#).