
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The National Health Service (Charges and
Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services)
(Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

Amendment of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015

6.—(1) The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 2⁽²⁾ (interpretation), in paragraph (1), at the appropriate place insert—
- ““prescription item” means an item available on prescription, whether or not it is supplied in pursuance of a prescription or another basis for supply (for example a serious shortage protocol or a patient group direction);”.
- (3) In regulation 13 (exemption from charges: risks to public health)—
- (a) in paragraph (1), for “drugs”, at each place where it occurs, substitute “prescription items”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b), for “protocols” substitute “a prescription form, a patient group direction, a serious shortage protocol or a protocol”; and
- (c) in paragraph (2), for “drug”, at each place where it occurs, substitute “prescription item”.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2015/750.

⁽²⁾ Amended by S.I. 2015/1879, 2016/696 and 1077, 2018/1114 and 2019/248 and 1094.