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Dear Colleague

HEALTH BOARD (CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTIONS 2006

Summary

1. This Circular encloses the Directions required to implement the changes to the childhood immunisation programme announced in the [CMO letter](#) from the Chief Medical Officer, the Chief Nursing Officer and the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer dated 12th July 2006.

Background

2. The routine childhood immunisation programme detailed in the CMO letter took effect from 4th September 2006. This amendment has created an additional service and the Statement of Financial Entitlements was amended on 22 March 2007 to underpin the payments made to GMS Contractors following this revision.

3. An electronic copy of this document can be found on the SHOW Website at
[http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/pca/PCA2007\(M\)08.pdf](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/pca/PCA2007(M)08.pdf)

Action

4. NHS Boards are requested to bring this Circular to the attention of GP practices in their area and their Area Medical Committee for the attention of the Secretary of the GP sub-committee.

Yours sincerely

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DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1978

HEALTH BOARD (CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTIONS 2006

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(5) and 105(7) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978¹, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby give the following Directions:

Citation and commencement

1. These Directions may be cited as the Health Board (Childhood Immunisation Programme) (Scotland) Directions 2006 and came into force on 4 September 2006.

Interpretation

2. In these Directions—

“the Act” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;

“Annex I of the Statement of Financial Entitlements” means the annex that gives details of the letter dated 12th July 2006 from the Chief Medical Officer, the Chief Nursing Officer and the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer concerning Important Changes to the Childhood Immunisation Programme

“childhood vaccinations and immunisations additional service” means the services described in paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 1 to the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2004²

“provider of primary medical services” means any person who is entering into or has entered into arrangements under—

- (a) section 17J of the Act;
- (b) section 17C of the Act;
- (c) section 2C(1) of the Act; or
- (d) section 2C(2) of the Act

for the provision of primary medical services to registered patients;

“registered patient” means—

- (a) a person who is recorded by the Health Board as being on the list of patients of a provider of primary medical services; or
- (b) a person whom a provider of primary medical services has accepted for inclusion on its list of patients, whether or not notification of that acceptance has been received by the Health Board and who has not been notified by the Health Board as having ceased to be on that list; and

¹ 1978 c.29. Section 2(5) was amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19), section 66(1) and Schedule 9, paragraph 19(1); section 105(7) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5(1) and Schedule 7, the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41), Schedule 9, Part 1, paragraph 24 and the Health Act 1999 (c.8), Schedule 4, paragraph 60. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

² S.S.I. 2004/115 as amended by S.S.I. 2004/162 and 215, 2005/337 and 2006/247

“section 17C provider” means a person or body who is providing primary medical services in accordance with an agreement pursuant to section 17C of the Act;

“Statement of Financial Entitlements” means any directions given by the Scottish Ministers under section 17M of the Act³.

Arrangements for the administration of recommended vaccinations

3. A Health Board shall ensure that arrangements are in place in its area to provide, so far as reasonably possible, that all children in the categories identified in Annex I of the Statement of Financial Entitlements and who are registered patients of any provider of primary medical services within its area are offered the opportunity to receive the vaccinations identified in the SFE and in accordance with the provisions set out in the SFE.

GMS providers

4. In respect of children who are registered patients of a GMS provider which is contracted to provide the childhood vaccinations and immunisations additional service, the Health Board’s obligation under direction 3 is discharged where it makes available payments to that GMS provider in accordance with the provisions set out in sections 8A and 8B of the Statement of Financial Entitlements.

Other providers (17c and 2c)

5. In discharging the obligation under direction 3 a Health Board may—

- (a) make arrangements with—
 - (i) a section 17C provider in respect of its registered patients; or
 - (ii) a person with whom a Health Board is making or has made contractual arrangements for the provision of primary medical services under section 2C(2) of the Act in respect of its registered patients;
- (b) where it is providing primary medical services under sections 17C or 2C(1), make arrangements to offer the vaccinations itself to its registered patients;
- (c) make arrangements with any person in respect of children who are not registered patients of that person; or
- (d) make arrangements to offer the vaccinations itself to children who are not its registered patients.

6. If a Health Board makes arrangements under direction 5(a) it must ensure that those arrangements provide—

- (a) for the inclusion of the amounts of the payments to be made under those arrangements and in determining the appropriate level of such payments, the Health Board must have regard to the provisions relating to the amounts of payments payable under sections 8A and 8B of the Statement of Financial Entitlements;
- (b) for the inclusion of provisions relating to—
 - (i) the eligibility for payment, and
 - (ii) the conditions to be attached to such payment

and in determining such provisions the Health Board must have regard to the provisions relating to conditions to be attached to such payments contained in sections 8A and 8B of the Statement of Financial Entitlements; and

- (c) for any vaccines administered under the arrangements to be administered in accordance with the recommendations set out in Annex I of the Statement of Financial Entitlements.

7. If a Health Board makes arrangements under direction 5(b) or direction 5(d) it must ensure that any vaccines administered under those arrangements are administered in accordance with the recommendations set out in Annex I of the Statement of Financial Entitlements.

8. If a Health Board makes arrangements under direction 5(c) it must ensure that those arrangements provide—

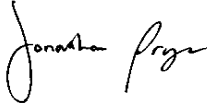
- (a) for the inclusion of the amounts of any payment to be made under those arrangements;
- (b) for the inclusion of appropriate provisions relating to the eligibility for payment;

³ Section 17M was inserted by the Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2004 asp 1, section 4

(c) for the inclusion of any conditions with which the provider must comply, and in determining any such conditions the Health Board must have regard to the provisions of paragraphs 8A.21 and 8B.14 of the Statement of Financial Entitlements and

(d) for any vaccines administered under the arrangements to be administered in accordance with the recommendations set out in Annex I of the Statement of Financial Entitlements.

Signed by authority of the Scottish Ministers.



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