
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Health and Personal Social Services
(General Medical Services Contracts)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

8.—(1) Schedule 1 (Additional services) shall be amended as provided in the following paragraphs.

(2) For paragraph 4, substitute—

“Vaccines and Immunisations

4.—(1) This paragraph applies to a contractor whose contract includes the provision of vaccines and immunisations but does not apply in the case of the provision of—

- (a) childhood immunisations; and
 - (b) the combined Haemophilus influenza type B and Meningitis C booster vaccine.
- (2) A contractor must comply with the requirements in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4).
- (3) The contractor must—
- (a) offer to provide patients, all vaccines and immunisations (other than those mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b)) of the type and in the circumstances which are set out in the GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements;
 - (b) taking into account the individual circumstances of the patient, consider whether immunisation ought to be administered by the contractor or other health professional or a prescription form ought to be provided for the purpose of the patient self-administering immunisation;
 - (c) provide appropriate information and advice to patients about such vaccines and immunisation;
 - (d) record in the patient’s record, any refusal of the offer referred to in paragraph (3)(a);
 - (e) where the offer is accepted and immunisation is to be administered by the contractor or other health professional, include in the patient’s record—
 - (i) the patient’s consent to immunisation or the name of the person who gave consent to immunisation and that person’s relationship to the patient;
 - (ii) the batch numbers, expiry date and title of the vaccine;
 - (iii) the date of administration;
 - (iv) in the case where two vaccines are administered by injection, in close succession, the route of the administration and the injection site of each vaccine;
 - (v) any contraindications to the vaccine; and
 - (vi) any adverse reaction to the vaccine; and

- (f) where the offer is accepted and the immunisation is not to be administered by the contractor or other health professional, issue a prescription form for the purpose of self-administration by the patient.
- (4) The contractor must ensure that all staff involved in the administration of immunisations are trained in the recognition and initial treatment of anaphylaxis.
- (5) In this paragraph “patient’s record” means the record which is kept in accordance with paragraph 68 of Schedule 5.”
- (3) In paragraph 5—
 - (a) in the heading for that paragraph and in sub-paragraph (1), for “childhood vaccinations and immunisations”, substitute “childhood vaccines and immunisations”;
 - (b) for sub-paragraph (2)(a), substitute “offer to provide to children, all vaccines and immunisations of the type and in the circumstances which are set out in the GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(b), for “vaccinations” substitute “vaccines”; and
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (2)(d)—
 - (i) omit “vaccinations and”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (i), omit “vaccination or”; and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraphs (v) and (vi), in each place “vaccination or immunisation” occurs, substitute “vaccine”.