
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, “the GMS Contract Regulations”, to reflect the right of persons to whom regulation 24 of the Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 applies to register with a contractor to obtain general medical services. The policy intention is to ensure that a person not ordinarily resident accesses health care at the most appropriate setting.

The Regulations also clarify that the provision in relation to a “temporary resident” only applies to a person who is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland and who moves around the region.