



Domestic Abuse Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 17

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Medical evidence of domestic abuse

80 Prohibition on charging for the provision of medical evidence of domestic abuse

- (1) No person may charge a fee or any other remuneration for the preparation or provision of relevant evidence relating to an assessment of an individual carried out by a relevant health professional in England or Wales under a qualifying medical services contract.
- (2) No person may charge a fee or any other remuneration for the preparation or provision of relevant evidence relating to an individual by a relevant health professional in England or Wales if the services provided by the relevant health professional are wholly or mainly services provided under a qualifying medical services contract.
- (3) In this section “relevant evidence”, in relation to an individual, means—
 - (a) evidence that the individual is, or is at risk of being, a victim of domestic abuse which is intended to support an application by the individual for civil legal services, or
 - (b) any other evidence that the individual is, or is at risk of being, a victim of domestic abuse which is of a description specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (4) In this section “relevant health professional” means—
 - (a) a medical practitioner licensed to practise by the General Medical Council;
 - (b) a health professional registered to practise in the United Kingdom by the Nursing and Midwifery Council;
 - (c) a paramedic registered to practise in the United Kingdom by the Health and Care Professions Council.
- (5) In this section “qualifying medical services contract” means—

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- (a) in relation to England—
 - (i) a general medical services contract made under section 84(2) of the National Health Service Act 2006;
 - (ii) any contractual arrangements made under section 83(2) of that Act;
 - (iii) an agreement made under section 92 of that Act;
 - (b) in relation to Wales—
 - (i) a general medical services contract made under section 42(2) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006;
 - (ii) any contractual arrangements made under section 41(2)(b) of that Act;
 - (iii) an agreement made under section 50 of that Act.
- (6) The appropriate national authority may by regulations amend the definition of—
- (a) “relevant health professional”;
 - (b) “qualifying medical services contract”.
- (7) In this section—
- “appropriate national authority” means—
 - (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State;
 - (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
 - “assessment” includes a consultation, whether in person or otherwise;
 - “civil legal services” has the meaning given by section 8 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012.
- (8) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in relation to anything done by a relevant health professional before the coming into force of this section.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 49A49B and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 56(4)(c) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 20\(4\)](#)
- s. 87(6)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 20\(5\)](#)