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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

**The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment)
(Coronavirus) Regulations 2020**

Made - - - - at 1.38 p.m. on 28th April 2020

Laid before Parliament at 3.30 p.m. on 28th April 2020

Coming into force - - 29th April 2020

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8, 9(5) and 10(3) of the Health Act 2009(a).

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 29th April 2020.

Amendment of the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010

2.—(1) The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 8 (document assurance by the Board or the relevant clinical commissioning group), after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) But if the draft relevant document is for the reporting period ending with 31st March 2020 the provider may provide a copy of it as required by paragraph (1) or (2) later than 30 days beginning with 1st April following the end of the reporting period.”.

(3) In regulation 9 (document assurance by appropriate Local Healthwatch organisation) after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) But if the draft relevant document is for the reporting period ending on 31st March 2020 the provider may provide a copy of it to the appropriate Local Healthwatch organisation later than 30 days beginning with 1st April following the end of the reporting period.”.

(4) In regulation 10 (document assurance by appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee) after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) But if the draft relevant document is for the reporting period ending on 31st March 2020 the provider may provide a copy of it to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee later than 30 days beginning with 1st April following the end of the reporting period.”.

(a) 2009 c.21; section 8 was amended by paragraphs 173 and 177 of Schedule 5 and paragraphs 112 and 114 of Schedule 14 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7).

(b) S.I. 2010/279, regulations 8 and 9 were substituted by S.I. 2012/3081; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant

(5) In regulation 11 (publication and provision of copies)—

- (a) the existing text becomes paragraph (1), and
- (b) after paragraph (1) insert—

“(2) But if the relevant document is for the reporting period ending on 31st March 2020 the provider may take the action described in paragraph (1) later than 30th June following the end of the reporting period.”.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Nadine Dorries
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Health and Social Care

At 1.38 p.m. on 28th April 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/279) in relation to the reporting period ending with 31st March 2020 only.

Regulation 2 makes amendments to regulations 8 to 11 of those 2010 Regulations. The amendments provide that in respect of the reporting year in question the copy of the draft relevant document referred to in regulations 8 to 10 of those 2010 Regulations may be provided to the entities specified in those regulations later than the date required by regulations 8 to 10, which is 30 days beginning with 1st April 2020. Regulation 2 also provides that the relevant document referred to in regulation 11 of those 2010 Regulations may be published later than 30th June 2020.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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