THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1977

THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ENTITLEMENTS (AMENDMENT) (NO 4) DIRECTIONS 2006

The Secretary of State for Health has consulted in accordance with section 28T(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977(**a**) with the bodies appearing to her to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these directions relate. The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 28T of that Act, gives the directions set out in this instrument.

Citation, commencement and territorial application

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 4) Directions 2006.

(2) These Directions were signed on 02 August 2006 but shall have effect as from 30th July 2006.

(3) These Directions apply in relation to England only.

Amendments to the SFE

2. The directions given by the Secretary of State in the Statement of Financial Entitlements under section 28T of the National Health Service Act 1977, signed on 30th March 2005(**b**), are amended as follows.

Amendments to Section 17

3. In paragraph 17.8 of Section 17 (Oxygen and oxygen therapy equipment) for "30th November 2006" substitute "31st July 2007".

Amendments to Annex G

4.—(1) In Part 4 of Annex G (Oxygen and oxygen equipment)—

(a) in the introductory paragraph following the heading "PART 4 OXYGEN AND OXYGEN EQUIPMENT"—

(i) for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007"; and

(ii) for "30th November 2006" substitute "31st July 2007";

(b) in paragraph G.3 (which relates to rental payments in respect of oxygen equipment), for "sands" substitute "stands";

(c) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph G.5A (Transitional provisions regarding rental payments in respect of oxygen equipment for the period from 1st February 2006 to 31st July 2006) , for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007"

(**a**) 1977 c.49; section 28T was inserted by section 175(1) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43).

(**b**) These Directions were amended by the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2005 which were signed on 8th June 2005 but which had effect as from 1st April 2005, by the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2005 which were signed on 12th July 2005, by the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2006 which were signed on 31st January 2006, by the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2006 which were signed on 30th March 2006 and by the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 3) Directions 2006 which were signed on 29th June 2006.

(d) after paragraph G.5A insert the following paragraph—

"G.5B The PCT must pay monthly rental payments under paragraph G.1 in respect of oxygen sets or stands that—

(a) the contractor is authorised to hold; and

(b) are out on loan,

during the period from 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007. The payment is only payable if the contractor complies with the conditions attached to rental payments in respect of oxygen equipment as set out in paragraph G.4 and submits completed claim forms in respect of each month and in any event by 5th April 2007.";

(e) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph G.8A (Transitional provisions regarding payments in respect of prescriptions for oxygen and masks for the period from 1st February 2006 to 31st July 2006), for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007";

(f) in paragraph G.8A, for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007";

(g) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph G.12A (Transitional provisions regarding payments in respect of professional fees for the period from 1st February 2006 to 31st July 2006), for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007";

(h) in paragraph G.12A, for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007";

(i) in paragraph G.12B, for "31st July 2006" substitute "31st March 2007";

(j) in paragraph G.12C, for "5th August 2006" substitute "5th April 2007";

(k) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph G.12D (Transitional provisions regarding payments in respect of professional fees for the period from 1st August 2006 to 31st August 2006), for "1st August 2006 to 31st August 2006" substitute "1st April 2007 to 30th April 2007";

(l) in paragraph G.12D, for "1st August 2006 to 31st August 2006" substitute "1st April 2007 to 30th April 2007";

(m) in paragraph G.12E, for "5th September 2006" substitute "5th May 2007";

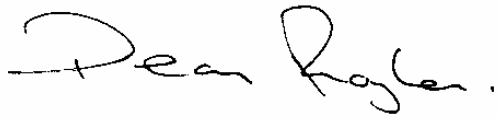
(n) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph G.12F (Transitional provisions regarding payments in respect of professional fees for the period from 1st September 2006 to 30th November 2006), for "1st September 2006 to 30th November 2006" substitute "1st May 2007 to 31st July 2007";

(o) in paragraph G.12F—

(i) for "1st September 2006 to 30th November 2006" substitute "1st May 2007 to 31st July 2007"; and

(ii) for "30th November 2006" substitute "5th August 2007".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health



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