



Information Update: Registering Overseas Patients / 7 June 2017

NHS Employers and the GPC have agreed contractual changes that help to identify European Economic Area (EEA) patients who may be subject to the NHS (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015.

Practices will be required to provide all new patients with a revised GMS1 form, which includes supplementary questions to determine a patient's eligibility to healthcare. For those patients who self-declare that they hold either a non-UK issued European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a S1 form, the practice will be required to manually record that the patient holds either a non-UK issued EHIC or a S1 form in the patient's medical record and then send the form and supplementary questions to NHS Digital (for non-UK issued EHIC cards) or the Overseas Healthcare Team (for S1 forms) via email or post. The Department of Health has agreed to provide practices with hardcopy patient leaflets, which will explain the rules and entitlements for overseas patients accessing the NHS in England.


Agreement has also been reached for NHS England and GPC to work with GP system suppliers to put in place an automated process, as soon as possible. This would include discussions on development of systems to support collection of GP appointment data for these patients. Once the technical solution to automatically collect this data is in place, we have agreed that further discussions on implementing the system to support collection of the data will take place.

New recurrent investment of £5 million will be added to global sum allocation, without the OOH deduction applied, to support this requirement.

Please find [summary](#) of 2017/18 General Medical Services contract negotiations for reference.

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