

No. WG20-20

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006**

The National Health Service
(General Medical Services –
Recurring Premises Costs during
the COVID-19 Pandemic) (Wales)
Directions 2020

Made 20 April 2020

Coming into force 21 April 2020

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 45, 203(9) and (10) and 204(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(1), and after consulting in accordance with section 45(4) of that Act with the bodies appearing to them to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate, give the following Directions.

Title, application, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the National Health Service (General Medical Services – Recurring Premises Costs during the COVID-19 Pandemic) (Wales) Directions 2020.

(2) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards.

(3) These Directions are made on 20 April 2020 and come into force on 21 April 2020.

(4) Words and expressions used in these Directions have the same meaning as they have in the National Health Service (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) (Wales) Directions 2015(2).

(1) 2006 c. 42.
(2) 2015 No. 9.

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2.—(1) A contractor who receives financial assistance for recurring premises costs in accordance with Part 5 of the National Health Service (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) (Wales) Directions 2015, but is unable to provide general medical services from their practice premises in accordance with their GMS contract as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, will continue to receive financial assistance for recurring premises costs for the period during which the contractor is unable to provide general medical services from the practice premises.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a contractor that had served notice of their intention to terminate their GMS contract in accordance with paragraph 106 of Schedule 6 to the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2004⁽¹⁾ on or before the date on which these Directions come into force.



Signed by Alex Slade, Deputy Director, Primary Care Division under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 20 April 2020

(1) S.I 2004/478 (W. 48). There are amendments but none are relevant.