

GMS Essential & Additional Services Contract Extract

PART 7

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

46. The Contractor must provide the services described in clauses 47 to 52 (essential services) at such times, within core hours, as are appropriate to meet the reasonable needs of its patients, and to have in place arrangements for its patients to access such services throughout the core hours in case of emergency.
47. The Contractor must provide-
- 47.1. services required for the management of the Contractor's registered patients and temporary residents who are, or believe themselves to be-
 - 47.1.1. ill with conditions from which recovery is generally expected;
 - 47.1.2. terminally ill; or
 - 47.1.3. suffering from chronic disease
- delivered in the manner determined by the practice in discussion with the patient;
- 47.2. appropriate ongoing treatment and care to all registered patients and temporary residents taking account of their specific needs including-
- 47.2.1. the provision of advice in connection with the patient's health, including relevant health promotion advice; and
 - 47.2.2. the referral of the patient for other services under the Act; and
- 47.3. primary medical services required in core hours for the immediately necessary treatment of any person to whom the Contractor has been requested to provide treatment owing to an accident or emergency at any place in its practice area.
48. For the purposes of clause 47.1, "management" includes-

- 48.1. offering a consultation and, where appropriate, physical examination for the purpose of identifying the need, if any, for treatment or further investigation; and
- 48.2. the making available of such treatment or further investigation as is necessary and appropriate, including the referral of the patient for other services under the Act and liaison with other health care professionals involved in the patient's treatment and care.
49. For the purposes of clause 47.3, "emergency" includes any medical emergency whether or not related to services provided under the Contract.
50. The Contractor must provide primary medical services required in core hours for the immediately necessary treatment of any person falling within clause 51 who requests such treatment, for the period specified in clause 52.
51. A person falls within this clause if he is a person-
- 51.1. whose application for inclusion in the Contractor's list of patients has been refused in accordance with clauses XX who is not registered with another provider of essential services (or their equivalent) in the area of the PCT;
- 51.2. whose application for acceptance as a temporary resident has been rejected under clauses XX.; or
- 51.3. who is present in the Contractor's practice area for less than 24 hours.
52. The period referred to in clause 50 is-
- 52.1. in the case of clause 51.1, 14 days beginning with the date on which that person's application was refused or until that person has been registered elsewhere for the provision of essential services (or their equivalent), whichever occurs first;
- 52.2. in the case of clause 51.2, 14 days beginning with the date on which that person's application was rejected or until that person has been subsequently accepted elsewhere as a temporary resident, whichever occurs first; and
- 52.3. in the case of clause 51.3, 24 hours or such shorter period as the person is present in the Contractor's practice area.

PART 8

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

53. In relation to each additional service it provides, the Contractor shall provide such facilities and equipment as are necessary to enable it properly to perform that service.

54. Where an additional service is to be funded under the global sum, the Contractor must provide that additional service at such times, within core hours, as are appropriate to meet the reasonable needs of its patients. The Contractor must also have in place arrangements for its patients to access such services throughout the core hours in case of emergency.
55. The Contractor shall provide the additional services set out in clause 56 to-
 - 55.1. its registered patients; and
 - 55.2. persons accepted by it as temporary residents;
56. The Contractor shall provide to the patients specified in clause 55-
 - 56.1. [cervical screening services];
 - 56.2. [contraceptive services];
 - 56.3. [vaccinations and immunisations];
 - 56.4. [childhood vaccinations and immunisations];
 - 56.5. [child health surveillance services];
 - 56.6. [maternity medical services];
 - 56.7. [minor surgery].