

SL(5)684 – The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

Background and Purpose

The Regulations make amendments to the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2004. In line with the Withdrawal Agreement, the amendments change references from “Exit Day” to “IP Completion Day” with regard to the right of specified patients from EU/EEA States and Switzerland, who were receiving specified prescriptions for erectile dysfunction since 14th September 1998, to continue to receive those prescriptions post IP Completion Day.

Procedure

Negative.

The Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd.

The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

One point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) - that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

A draft of these Regulations was laid before the Senedd for sifting in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The Committee agreed that the negative procedure was the appropriate procedure for these Regulations.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

These Regulations will form part of retained EU law at the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.



Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 14 December 2020 and reports to the Senedd to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.

