DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

Further Directions to Primary Care Trusts and NHS trusts in England concerning Arrangements for the Funding of Technology Appraisal Guidance from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) 2010

The Secretary of State for Health makes the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8, 228(10), 272(7) and 273(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a):

Commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions shall come into force on 11th March 2010.
   (2) These Directions apply to—
      (a) every Primary Care Trust; and
      (b) every NHS trust all or most of whose hospitals, establishments or facilities are situated in England.
   (3) In these Directions, “the Principal Directions” means the Directions to Primary Care Trusts and NHS trusts in England concerning Arrangements for the Funding of Technology Appraisal Guidance from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) which came into force on 1st July 2003(b).

Amendment of paragraph 3 of the Principal Directions

2.—(1) Paragraph 3 of the Principal Directions (exempt technology appraisal guidance) is amended as follows.
   (2) In sub-paragraph (1), delete paragraph (h).
   (3) After sub-paragraph (9)(e), insert the following—
      “(10) In respect of Technology Appraisal Guidance (No.164) on febuxostat for the management of hyperuricaemia in people with gout dated 17th December 2008, paragraph 2 of these Directions shall apply except that for “the date of that Technology Appraisal Guidance” there shall be substituted “11th March 2010”.”

Revocation

3. The Further Directions to Primary Care Trusts and NHS Trusts in England concerning Arrangements for the Funding of Technology Appraisal Guidance from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) which came into force on 17th March 2009 are revoked(d).

(a) 2006 c. 41. There are no relevant amendments. By virtue of section 271 of the Act, the powers are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.
(c) Paragraph 3(2) of the Principal Directions was inserted by the Directions dated 4th August 2008.
(d) The Directions added paragraph (b) to paragraph 3(1) of the Principal Directions and are available at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Legislation/Directionsfromthecountrystate/DH_4075685
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

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