

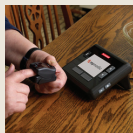



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Contract changes in England

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Area	Change	Gain/loss?*	When?	GPC view	Risk rating**
Practice funding 	Uplift of 1.32% for all GMS practices through global sum, plus additional 0.15% uplift as reimbursement for administering locum superannuation payments	Accountants predict 4% cut in GP partner drawings	1 April	GPC chair Dr Laurence Buckman says this year's award means 'another real-terms pay cut'	High risk
QOF 	Hike in upper thresholds, to performance of top 25% of practices	£11,000 loss, according to the GPC	For 20 indicators in 2013/14, with the remainder in 2014/15	Will increase exception reporting, disadvantage practices financially and put patient care at risk	Medium risk
	Organisational QOF domain retired	£19,000 loss, according to the GPC	1 April	Major implications for practice finances and workload as crucial work will not be funded from April	High risk
	Majority of NICE-recommended indicators to be implemented, while 14 indicators are retired	No net gain or loss in income, although additional work required	1 April, although cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation indicators will be deferred until 2014/15	GPC has criticised the additional workload required, and said new hypertension indicators will risk patient safety	High risk
	QP indicators retained for a further year	Same as last year	1 April	Not addressed	Low risk
	Reduction in interval for QOF indicators from 15 to 12 months	Unknown, but likely to be negative	1 April	Practice funding and patient satisfaction will suffer	Medium risk
	Creation of public health domain	None, as will include existing indicators	1 April	GPC agreed with the setting up of a public health domain	Low risk
	DESS 	Dementia case-finding	Worth up to £2,587, plus further payment based on proportion of assessments done nationally	Practices have to inform local area team by 30 June	Serious concerns about ethical issues of dementia screening and patient consent
Remote monitoring		Worth up to £1,478	As above	Benefits should not be overestimated. Would have been better incorporated into a wider IT DES	Medium risk
Online GP services		Worth up to £2,955	As above	Concerns over workload and confidentiality	Medium risk
Case management of high-risk patients		Worth up to £5,175	As above	Support in principle, but could lead to better savings if fewer patients were targeted	Medium risk
Patient participation; extended hours; alcohol-related risk reduction; learning disabilities health check scheme		Rolled over from 2012/13 contract	As above	Rolled over from 2012/13 contract	Low risk
Vaccinations 	Two new vaccination programmes for rotavirus in infants and shingles in older people	£7.63 per immunisation course completed	From September for rotavirus, expected to be same for shingles	Changes will incur minimal extra work for GPs	Low risk

*For average practice (registered population 6,911) **Pulse assessment of likely adverse impact on practice income and workload

● High risk ● Medium risk ● Low risk

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