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NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

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Reference: 1342
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Subject: Overseas Visitors Update
Effective Date: Immediate
Reason for Change: Update to NHS Business Definitions
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Background:

The Department of Health have issued updated guidance on Overseas Visitors.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) updates the relevant NHS Business Definitions to reflect these changes.

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

Summary of changes:

Supporting Information

EXEMPT FROM CHARGE SERVICE	Changed Description
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (CHARGES TO OVERSEAS VISITORS) REGULATIONS 1989 (AS AMENDED BY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT)	Changed Description
OVERSEAS VISITOR	Changed Description
OVERSEAS VISITOR CHARGEABLE CATEGORY	Changed Description
OVERSEAS VISITOR TREATMENT PORTAL	Changed Description

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

EXEMPT FROM CHARGE SERVICE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

[Exempt From Charge Service](#) is a [SERVICE](#) for which no charge may be made to a [PERSON](#).

The [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#) states that a [PERSON](#) has to pay for NHS hospital healthcare unless the [SERVICE](#) they are receiving is an [Exempt From Charge Service](#).

~~For further information on [Exempt from Charge Services](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).~~ For further information on [Exempt from Charge Services](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (CHARGES TO OVERSEAS VISITORS) REGULATIONS 1989 (AS AMENDED BY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT)

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

Access to NHS hospital healthcare is based on [Ordinary Residence](#) in the United Kingdom.

Anyone who is not [Ordinarily Resident](#), i.e. an [Overseas Visitor](#), is subject to the [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#).

~~The regulations concerning entitlement to NHS hospital treatment are the [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).~~ The regulations concerning entitlement to NHS hospital treatment are the [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).

~~The [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#) places a responsibility on [NHS Trusts](#) to establish whether a [PERSON](#) is.~~ The [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#) places a responsibility on [NHS Trusts](#) to establish whether a [PATIENT](#) is:

- [Ordinarily Resident](#);
- ~~exempt from charges under one of a number of exemption categories; or~~
- ~~liable for charges.~~
- exempt from charges by virtue of the Charging Regulations; and,
- if they are not exempt, make and recover a charge from them to cover the full cost of their treatment.

The [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#) also state that certain treatments are [Exempt from Charge Services](#) in their own right, irrespective of the [PATIENT](#)'s status. These include:

- treatment given in [Accident and Emergency Departments](#);
- ~~treatment for certain specified communicable diseases (excluding Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)) treatment where only the initial diagnostic testing and associated counselling are without charge) and~~
- ~~compulsory psychiatric treatment.~~
- family planning services;
- treatment for certain specified diseases where treatment is necessary to protect the wider public health;
- treatment for all sexually transmitted diseases, including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) treatment;
- treatment given to people detained, or liable to be detained, or subject to a community treatment order under the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983 or other legislation authorising detention in a [Hospital](#) because of a mental disorder;
- treatment which is imposed by, or included in, an order of the Court
- and [SERVICES](#) provided other than in a [Hospital](#) or by a [PERSON](#) who is employed to work for, or on behalf of, a [Hospital](#).

~~For further information on the [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).~~ For further information on the [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).

OVERSEAS VISITOR

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

An [Overseas Visitor](#) is a [PERSON](#) who is not [Ordinarily Resident](#) in the United Kingdom.

~~For further information on [Overseas Visitors](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).~~ For further information on [Overseas Visitors](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).

OVERSEAS VISITOR CHARGEABLE CATEGORY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

[Overseas Visitor Chargeable Category](#) is an [OVERSEAS VISITOR STATUS](#).

An [Overseas Visitor Chargeable Category](#) includes [Overseas Visitors](#) who are not exempt from charges by virtue of the [National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 1989 \(as amended by Statutory Instrument\)](#). The [PERSON](#) has to pay for NHS hospital healthcare unless the [SERVICE](#) they are receiving is an [Exempt From Charge Service](#).

~~For further information on [Overseas Visitor Chargeable Categories](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).~~ For further information on [Overseas Visitor Chargeable Categories](#), see the [Department of Health website](#).

OVERSEAS VISITOR TREATMENT PORTAL

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

~~From 12th October 2009, the [Overseas Visitor Treatment Portal \(OVT Portal\)](#) is used to report treatments of [Overseas Visitors](#) (including planned treatment) from the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) and Switzerland.~~ The [Overseas Visitor Treatment Portal \(OVT Portal\)](#) is used to report treatments of [Overseas Visitors](#) (including planned treatment) from the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) and Switzerland.

~~*Note: Prior to 12 October 2009, the information was collected on Income Generation Audit (IGA) forms and sent to Leeds [Primary Care Trust](#).*~~

~~*Note: There is no requirement to report treatments for [Overseas Visitors](#) from outside the [European Economic Area](#) and Switzerland via the [Overseas Visitor Treatment Portal](#).*~~

For further information on the [Overseas Visitor Treatment Portal](#):

- ~~see the [Department of Health website: Overseas visitors](#).~~
 - see the [Department of Health website: Overseas visitors](#);
 - see <https://nww.ovt.dh.nhs.uk/> to access the [Overseas Visitor Treatment Portal](#);
 - email: OHT.Overseasvisitorsteam@dwp.gsi.gov.uk;
 - telephone: 0191 218 1999.
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