



Good Practice

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Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme (SIBSS)

Thank You

The Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme (SIBSS) provides support to people who were historically infected with Hepatitis C and/or HIV following treatment with NHS blood, blood products or tissue.

We recently introduced a new regular payment for beneficiaries with Chronic (Stage 1) Hepatitis C and as a result of this a number of practices were called upon to complete medical reports for their patients to support the application process.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to practices for doing this.

SIBSS appreciates the time and effort taken by the medical community to enable beneficiaries to make applications to the scheme.

David Knowles,
Director,
Practitioner & Counter Fraud Services.

2018-19 Seasonal Influenza Programme

It is quite possible by now that many of you will have completed your 2018-19 Seasonal Influenza Programme and we would encourage you to submit your claims as soon as possible as we are happy to start processing your Year End/Final claims from February 2019.



2019 NHS Circulars, Guidance & Information

2019-01-14 Seasonal influenza: use of antivirals 2018-19

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO\(2019\)01.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO(2019)01.pdf)

Historic circulars can be searched on:

<http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/>

2017-18 GP Annual Certificates

We can never emphasise enough the importance of getting your 2017-18 GP Annual Certificate (GAC) in by and preferably well before, the 28th February 2019 deadline, and in doing so remind you that last year that the same time we were hit by significant weather conditions which for many saw them miss that deadline.

By all accounts similar weather conditions are not unlikely, so please make every effort to submit in good time.

External Events & Publications

The Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) will be in attendance at the NHS Scotland Event 2019 which is to be held at the SECC in Glasgow on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May.

There will be a colleague from the NHS Practitioner Team at this event to assist with any enquiries from General Medical Practitioners.

February 2019 | RCPSG | [Royal College Advanced Certificate in Clinical Education](#)

February 2019 | RCPSG | [Clinical Trainer Development: Performance support for doctors in training](#)

February 2019 | RCPSG | [Medicine for All: Rheumatology](#)

February 2019 | RCPSG | [Medicine for All: Dermatology](#)

March 2019 | RCPSG | [Medicine for All: Haematology](#)

March 2019 | RCPSG | [Medicine for All: Renal](#)

March 2019 | RCPSG | [Neurology](#)

March 2019 | RCPSG | [Interactive Cardiology Conference](#)

March 2019 | RCPSG | [Assessment Writing – 19 March 2019](#)

May 2019 | SPPA | [SPPA in Attendance at the NHS Scotland Event 2019](#)

May 2019 | RCPSG | [Royal College Advanced Certificate in Clinical Education](#)

September 2019 | RCPSG | [Royal College Advanced Certificate in Clinical Education](#)

December 2019 | RCPSG | [Royal College Advanced Certificate in Clinical Education](#)





Aberdeen Regional Office

The Aberdeen Regional Office has now relocated and our new address for correspondence is:

NHS National Services Scotland
Practitioner Services
1 Marischal Square
Broad Street
Aberdeen, AB10 1BL

Please ensure that you update/overtyping/re-label locally stored forms and documents, eg FW8 exemption certificates so that they are sent to the new address.

Thank you.

Important Dates

Medical Payment date for January: Thursday 31st January 2019

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Monday 28th January 2019

Medical Payment date for February: Thursday 28th February 2019

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Monday 25th February 2019

Regional Office Contacts

All Regional office contact details are available on the Practitioner Services website.

If you cannot find a member of staff or their contact details are missing, please let us know and we will update the lists accordingly.

<https://nhsns.org/services/practitioner/medical/contact-us/>

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