

Some services provided fall outside the scope of the NHS and therefore attract charges. Some examples include the following:

- Medicals for pre-employment, sports and driving requirements (HGV, PSV etc.)
- Insurance claim forms
- Confirmation letters for taking medication abroad
- Private sick notes, including for schools and further education institutions
- Vaccination certificates

Our reception staff will be happy to advise you about applicable charges, which are applied in line with BMA guidance, and appointment availability.

Payment

Please note our practices do not accept cash. An invoice will be posted out to you.

Non-NHS work FAQs

Some services are not covered by the NHS, and we will therefore charge a fee for completion of this work. The NHS medical care of our patients takes priority during our working day so any private letters or forms can take up to **8 weeks** to complete and return to you. We cannot guarantee they will be completed earlier.

Why do GPs sometimes charge fees?

The government's contract with GPs covers medical services to NHS patients including the provision of ongoing medical treatment. In recent years however more and more organisations have been involving doctors in a whole range of non-medical work.

Sometimes the only reason that GPs are asked is because they are in a position of trust in the community or because an insurance company or employer wants to ensure that information provided to them is true and accurate.

Do GPs have to do non-NHS work for their patients?

With certain limited exceptions, for example a GP confirming that one of their patients is not fit for jury service, GPs do not have to carry out non-NHS work on behalf of their patients.

Whilst GPs will always attempt to assist their patients with the completion of forms, for example for insurance purposes, they are not required to do such non-NHS work.

Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his or her patients.

Most GPs have a very heavy workload and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time, so many GPs find they have to complete this work outside of and in addition to their normal hours.

I only need the doctor's signature - what is the problem?

When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true.

In order to complete even the simplest of forms therefore, the doctor might have to check the patient's entire medical record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor with the General Medical Council (the doctors' regulatory body) or even the police.

A list of non-NHS services is provided below:

Description

CLINICIAN ADMINISTRATION - Certificates / Reports / Letters
Access to Record - Data Protection Act 1998; Medical Reports Act 1988; Health Records Act 1990
Access to Record – out with above Acts
Completion of form to Appeal Decision made re DWP
Report - Certificate of HIV test result
Report - Detailed Report, without exam (exc. Investigation)
Report - Detailed Report, with exam (inc. Investigation)
Report - Extract from Medical Records
Report - Fitness to: travel / drive / exercise / holiday cancellation
Report - Immunisation summary certificate
Report - Occupational health for employer
Report - Private medical insurance
Report - Pro-forma Report - no examination
Report - Simple Certificate of Fact
Report - Vaccination certificate
Sick - Private sick note
Sick - Sickness / accident form complex
Sick - Sickness / accident form simple
Signature - Driving licence
Signature - Loan protection forms
Signature - Passport form photograph countersignature
Sundry - Expert witness testimony (Supreme Court Act 1981)
Sundry - Power of Attorney - home visit
Sundry - Power of Attorney - surgery appt
CLINICIAN SERVICES - including exams / procedures
Blood test - blood group
Blood test - DNA
Blood test - Hepatitis A antibodies
Blood test - HIV
Blood test - insurance purposes
Exam - a) Comprehensive exam and report for Insurance claim
Exam - b) Short exam for insurance purposes (exc. Investigation)
Exam - each additional blood test (inc. Laboratory fees if applicable)
Exam - each additional investigation (ECG, audiometry etc)
Exam - each additional investigation (spirometry etc)
Medical - Coastguard
Medical - Diving (nurse + GP)
Medical - ENG1 (Seafarers / MCA)
Medical - Firearms / Gun licence
Medical - Fireman medical - Fire Brigade & Airport firemen
Medical - HGV, PSV, DVLA (exc. Investigation)
Medical - HGV, PSV, DVLA (exc. Investigation) Concession rate
Medical - Pre-employment medicals - before offer of employment
Medical - Pre-employment medicals - post offer of employment
Medical -ML5 (Boatmasters licence)
Medical - Learning Disability
Medical - MOD