

Non NHS Fees and Charges

The Government's contract with GP's covers medical services to NHS patients however in recent years more and more organisations have been involving doctors in a wide range of non-medical work. Sometimes the only reason that GP's are asked is because they are in a position of trust in the community or because an insurance company, employer or public body wants to ensure that the information provided to them is true and accurate.

The following Questions and Answers are taken from advice by the British Medical Association (BMA) to help patients understand the fees charged by GP's.

1. Do GP's have to do non-NHS work for their patients?

With certain limited exceptions such as a GP confirming that a patient is not fit for jury service GP's DO NOT have to carry out non-NHS work. Many GP's however will always attempt to assist their patients and carry out this work.

2. Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form/letter?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of patients. GP's have an ever increasing workload of forms which must be prioritised against offering appointments. Except for rare emergency forms, it takes on an average four weeks for the forms to be completed.

3. I only need the GP's signature—what's the problem?

When a GP signs a certificate, completes a report or writes a letter it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register (which allows them to practice as a doctor) that they only sign what they know to

be true. In order to complete even the simplest of forms the doctor may have to check a patient's entire medical record.

4. Who sets the fees and why do different doctors charge different fees?

The BMA suggest fees that may be charged in certain circumstances

However these are intended for guidance only. Doctors are not obliged to charge the rates suggested by the BMA and the fee levels will generally reflect the amount of work and time involved.

6. What notice is needed for completion of reports and letters?

To allow the practice to plan the GP's time 4 weeks' notice is required although many are completed within this time. Where a patient has an urgent request this should be explained to the receptionist who will note the request however it is not always possible for other more clinically urgent work to be delayed.

Medical Examinations and Reports

Price

Adoption and Fostering: Form AH/AH2 (Adult Health Report/ Assessment for prospective carer)

£76.24

Adoption and Fostering: Child-minder Health Form

£67.50

Report for Insurance Applicants, No Medical Exam

£90.00

(paid for by Insurance Company)

Supplementary Insurance Reports

£27.00

Private Insurance Medical Claim Form (BUPA/AXA etc.)

(Paid for by the Patient)

£30.00

Certificates / Letters / Forms

Price

Driving license photo countersignature

£20.00

Simple letter (Statement of Fact), General Letter 'To whom it may concern'
or 'fitness' letter

£15.00

Holiday Cancellation Insurance Forms

£45.00

Sick note – Private Medical Certificate

£25.00

Sickness/Accident Insurance Claim Form (*Short*) (*unless fee specified by*

£23.49

Insurance Company)

Sickness/Accident Insurance Claim Form (long)

£73.86

(unless fee specified by Insurance Company)

Vaccinations

Hepatitis B for Employment Purposes (*course of 3 injections*)£30.00 per
dose

£90.00

Hepatitis B (Single shot)

£30.00

Meningitis ACWY

Prescription Only

Medical and/or report to determine fitness to hold driving/LGV/HGV/Taxi
license (optician check not included)

£80.00