

BMA Recommended Fees For Health Assessments Required In Adoption And Fostering

Fees Arrangements From September 2006

IMPORTANT - Please ensure that administrators in all area offices receive copies of this document

Background

Section 26 - 28 of the 1977 NHS Act sets out the statutory basis for the collaborative arrangements. It is important that the provision of these essential services is maintained, especially in relation to children, disabled people and people with mental health issues.

Recommendation of DDRB 2006

Historically, the Doctors and Dentists Review Body (DDRB) has recommended the uplift to the fees and allowances for sessional work in the community health service and work under the collaborative arrangements. However, the 2006 DDRB report recommended that for 2006/07 doctors should set their own fees for carrying out this work. NHS Employers will, therefore, not issue a 'collaborative fees' pay circular for 2006/07. The recommendation made by the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration can be found in the [thirty fifth report](#) (2006) on page 43, paragraph 3.67. The NHS Employers [Pay Review questionnaire](#) provides an opportunity for PCTs to comment on the practical effects of this recommendation.

Looked after and adopted children

The rates for examinations and reports on children looked after or about to be looked after by a local authority, or about to be placed in foster care or placed for adoption by a local authority, and examinations and reports in a form recommended by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), were not published in PC (MD) 2/2005. This was because the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) had been in discussion with relevant parties over the rates payable under this schedule. These discussions have concluded.

It has been agreed that the examinations and reports as set out in [Advance Letter \(MD\) 2/2004](#) should continue to be used.

The DfES has issued a [Summary of Medical Assessments](#) which provides information about the assessments on looked after children/prospective carers and suggests which BAAF form be used to record the outcomes.

NHS Employers suggest that when agreeing fees for this work, employers refer back to AL (MD) 2/2004 and apply any appropriate uplift to the fees after discussions with doctors locally.

FEES FOR INITIAL AND REVIEW HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

The rates for carrying out health assessments recorded in forms IHA-C and IHA-YP and forms RHA-C and RHA-YP (which replaced 'IHA', 'C, D and YP' and 'AME') were not published in AL(MD)2/2004. [BMA recommended rates](#) to be paid from September 2004 are:

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| a) | Forms IHA-C and IHA-YP - detailed initial health and developmental assessment report on child or young person (replaces Forms IHA, C, D and YP) | £215.00 |
| b) | Forms RHA-C and RHA-YP (replaces Form AME)— review health assessment report on child or young person | £150.00 |

FEES FROM ADVANCE LETTER AL(MD) 2/2004

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| 1. | Children looked after, adoption and fostering | |
| 1.1 | Examination and reports on children committed or about to be committed to the care of a local authority, or received or about to be received into care by a local authority, or about to be fostered (unless 1.2 below applies) | |
| | (a) Initial examination | £ 37.99 |
| | (b) Subsequent examination by the same doctor, or his partner, assistant or locum | £ 24.36 |
| 1.2 | Examination and reports in a form recommended by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) | |
| | (a) Forms M/B – obstetric report on a birth mother and neo-natal report on a baby | £ 44.95 |
| | (b) Form AH – health assessment on a prospective carer | £ 73.86 |
| | (c) Form AH2 (Adult 2) - update report on parent/carer - review from GP records | £ 24.36 |
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| 2. | Other examinations and reports | |
| 2.1 | Examinations and reports required by local authorities under the collaborative arrangements for purposes not specified above | |
| | (a) From consultants | £ 72.52 |
| | (b) From other doctors (full medical examination including report and opinion) | £ 37.99 |
| | (c) From other doctors (report and opinion only) | £ 24.36 |
| | (d) Emergency attendance by consultants | £111.95 |
| | (e) Emergency attendance by other doctors | £ 71.38 |
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| 3. | Sessional Fees: Consultant or Specialist Work | |
| 3.1 | Full session (normally 1.5 - 2.5 hours) | £111.95 |
| 3.2 | Short session (not normally exceeding one hour) | £ 72.52 |

For further information about looked after and adopted children please see the [Every Child Matters webpage](#) on the DfES website.

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