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Dear Colleague

As you may be aware, there have been a small number of challenges across the country to the Avoiding Unplanned Admissions directed enhanced service practice results. The NHS England national support team have been asked to review these challenges and provide a national position on the issues raised.

We have taken views from Heads of Primary Care and a decision was taken by the Primary Care Delivery Oversight Group(PCDOG).

It was decided that payments to practices that achieve the 2% target should be based on a calculation utilising the full seven decimal places as specified in the CQRS programme. Any Practice that failed to achieve based on the CQRS calculation should not be eligible for payment.

It was also agreed that local teams should apply discretion and allow practices to retain in year payments where it is evident they have achieved the interim targets.

The decisions on how to handle a large number of eligible patients moving from the list “in year” will be left to local commissioning teams to manage. Where there is evidence of exceptional circumstances and a high number of eligible patients have left the practice in relation to the practice list size, local teams may use their discretion and allow achievement.

I hope this position is helpful when considering any outstanding challenges to the AUA Directed Enhanced Service.

Best wishes



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