

**2020 No. 466**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

**The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment)  
(Coronavirus) Regulations 2020**

*Made* - - - - at 1.38 p.m. on 28th April 2020

*Laid before Parliament* at 3.30 p.m. on 28th April 2020

*Coming into force* - - 29th April 2020

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8, 9(5) and 10(3) of the Health Act 2009(a).

**Citation and Commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 29th April 2020.

**Amendment of the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010**

2.—(1) The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 8 (document assurance by the Board or the relevant clinical commissioning group), after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) But if the draft relevant document is for the reporting period ending with 31st March 2020 the provider may provide a copy of it as required by paragraph (1) or (2) later than 30 days beginning with 1st April following the end of the reporting period.”.

(3) In regulation 9 (document assurance by appropriate Local Healthwatch organisation) after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) But if the draft relevant document is for the reporting period ending on 31st March 2020 the provider may provide a copy of it to the appropriate Local Healthwatch organisation later than 30 days beginning with 1st April following the end of the reporting period.”.

(4) In regulation 10 (document assurance by appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee) after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) But if the draft relevant document is for the reporting period ending on 31st March 2020 the provider may provide a copy of it to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee later than 30 days beginning with 1st April following the end of the reporting period.”.

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(a) 2009 c.21; section 8 was amended by paragraphs 173 and 177 of Schedule 5 and paragraphs 112 and 114 of Schedule 14 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7).

(b) S.I. 2010/279, regulations 8 and 9 were substituted by S.I. 2012/3081; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant