

National Health Service Co-Funding and Co-Payment Bill

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Make provision for co-funding and for the extension of co-payment for NHS services in England; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Amendment of section 1 of the National Health Service Act 2006

- (1) The National Health Service Act 2006 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (Secretary of State’s duty to promote comprehensive health service), in subsection (4)—
 - (a) the words “the making and recovery of charges is expressly provided for by or under any enactment, whenever passed” become paragraph (a), and 5
 - (b) after paragraph (a), insert—

“or

(b) the charges form part of an agreement in England for co-funding or co-payment.” 10

2 Other amendments of the National Health Service Act 2006

- (1) The National Health Service Act 2006 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 12E (Secretary of State’s duty as respects variation in provision of health services), insert— 15

“Co-funding and co-payment

12F Co-Funding and Co-Payment: England

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, co-funding of NHS care shall be permissible in England when NHS-commissioned care is proposed to be partly funded— 20
 - (a) by a patient, or
 - (b) on behalf of a patient.

- (2) Co-payments permitted by virtue of this Act shall, in England, include payments made through co-funding as provided for in subsection (1).”

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of two months after the day on which it receives Royal Assent. 5
- (3) This Act may be cited as the National Health Service (Co-Funding and Co-Payment Act 2022).

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Presented by Sir Christopher Chope

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