



The New GOS(S)1 Form - Advice Guidance for New Supp Codes (from 1st April 2009)

The SGHD will introduce a new GOS(S) 1 form from the 1st April 2009. There are a number of changes to the new form that will undoubtedly cause confusion for practitioners. OS has made representation to the SGHD and PSD regarding the apparent deficiencies and inconsistencies on the form but it seems that we will need to work with this form for foreseeable future.

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Parts 1, 2(A), 2(B) & 3(A) to be completed as before.

NB the date of the last NHS eye examination refers to the last Primary Eye Examination.

Part 3(B)

Complete this section as before, please note the new additions to the conditions data set that will help document the full range of conditions managed by optometrists in the community.

One condition code is confusing as two other unrelated conditions have been included in the binocular vision anomaly section. This makes the coding for this element irrelevant and OS has requested that this be amended and await a response from PSD.

Supplementary Codes

There are a number of new supplementary codes that have been introduced to be used from the 1st April 2009. Other new codes to be introduced on the 1st October 2009 have also been published, these are to be ignored until October.

Payments will be rejected if the codes are not used and the following should provide some basic advice on how to complete this section of the form:

- 0.1 Paediatric Review – use this code for short term follow up after a primary eye examination to review VA, amblyopia, refraction, orthoptics RPM, BVA (in children), CRE etc.
- 0.2 Use this code to cover under 60 dilation & slit lamp biomicroscopy which might also include a digital image as part of the examination. You cannot claim a supp exam for capturing a digital image per se, but only as part of the examination.
- 0.3 Use this code for any repeat procedure or assessment with a view to confirming findings. This might be referral refinement or a follow up for flashes & floaters for example.
- 0.4 Use this code for any follow up examination for anterior segment disease.
- 0.5 Use this code if you have carried out a Cycloplegic refraction following a Primary Examination.
- 0.6 Use this code to record any follow up supp examination for a patient (normally an adult) with a binocular vision problem