

Diabetes Payment Criteria Rules Explained

An explanation for the Diabetes payment criteria rules.

There are 5 different types of rules used for payment criteria for diabetes

- Once ever – Screening: Ethnicity & Height.
- Once in the last 15 months – Management: management plan, alcohol intake, ACE/ARB, locus of care, albumin excretion stage & smoking cessation advice.
- 6 monthly – Screening: weight, BMI, blood pressure & HbA1c; Management: current treatment.
- Annually – Screening: smoking status, eGFR, total serum cholesterol, urinary microalbumin result and foot screening.
- Last recorded result – Management: HbA1c, Total Serum Cholesterol and Blood Pressure.

6 Monthly means: 1 result recorded within the 8 months of the audit date and a previous recorded result between 4 and 8 months before the date of the most recent result if that result was not the first ever.

Annually means 1 result recorded within the last 15 months of the audit date and a previous recorded result between 9 and 15 months before the date of the most recent result if that result was not the first ever.

This means that a patient currently failing on 6 monthly or annual criteria may still be able to pass if another result is recorded before the 31st of March 2011.

For a 6 monthly criteria, if it is currently failing but had a result recorded between May 2010 and November 2010 then another result can be recorded before the financial year end to cause a pass.

May result – next in Dec '10 or Jan '11
Jun result – next from Dec '10 to Feb '11
July result – next from Dec '10 to Mar '11
Aug result – next from Dec '10 to Mar '11
Sep result – next from Jan '11 to Mar '11
Oct result – next in Feb '11 or Mar '11
Nov result – next in Mar '11

For annual criteria, if it is currently failing but had a result recorded between October 2009 and June 2010 then another result can be recorded before the financial year end to cause a pass.

Oct 2009 result – next in Dec '10 or Jan '11.
Nov 2009 result – next from Dec '10 to Feb '11.
Dec 2009, Jan, Feb, Mar result – next from Dec '10 to Mar '11.
Apr 2010 result – next from Jan '10 to Mar '11.
May 2010 result – next in Feb '11 or Mar '11.
Jun 2010 result – next in Mar '11.