

COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES

EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Complementary and alternative therapies will not routinely be funded.

Complementary and alternative therapies are treatments that fall outside of mainstream healthcare.

This restriction applies equally to primary and secondary care provision, and GPs must not prescribe such products on FP10s.

Primary care must obtain funding before referring patients to secondary care providers and secondary care providers must satisfy themselves that the patient has funding secured prior to seeing the patient. This is to ensure inappropriate out-patient appointments are avoided and patient expectations are properly managed.