

Important Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2019/20 dates for the diary

Date	Why is this date important?
30th September 2019	The window opens for contractors to claim for an Aspiration payment on MYS. This opens at 9am .
1st October 2019	<p>The window opens for contractors to update their NHS website profiles or for distance selling pharmacies (DSPS) to send an email to the NHSBSA Provider Assurance Team (further details will be available in the NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2019/20 guidance). This opens at 00:00am.</p> <p>Contractors should start checking that all patients with diabetes, have had foot and eye checks (retinopathy) in the last 12 months (please note, eye checks are only for patients with diabetes aged 12 or over. PSNC will issue a resource to support contractors to meet this criterion soon.</p> <p>DO NOT MISS THIS START DATE: CONTRACTORS NEED TO START WORKING ON THIS QUALITY CRITERION ON THIS DATE TO ENSURE THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO MEET THIS QUALITY CRITERION.</p> <p>The window opens for contractors to update their NHS 111 DoS profiles. This opens at 00:00am.</p> <p>The window opens for contractors to demonstrate access to SCR. This opens at 00.00am.</p>
1st November 2019	<p>The window closes for contractors to claim for an Aspiration payment on MYS. This closes at 11.59pm.</p> <p>DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE: CONTRACTORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM AN ASPIRATION PAYMENT IF THEY MISS THIS DEADLINE.</p>
29th November 2019	<p>This is the final day by which contractors must have started the lithium audit, or other patient safety audit if they have no patients receiving regular lithium prescriptions. This will allow contractors to complete their lithium audit, within a three month consecutive period (if the contractor starts the audit when the pharmacy opens on 29th November 2019 and makes their declaration on the final day of the declaration window (28th February 2020) after the pharmacy has closed for the day.</p> <p>Contractors are strongly encouraged to start their lithium audit well before this date to reduce the risk of missing this deadline and allow themselves more flexibility on the date on when they make their declaration.</p> <p>This is the final day by which contractors must have started their valproate audit. This will allow contractors to complete their valproate audit, within a three month consecutive period (if the contractor starts the audit when the pharmacy opens on 29th November 2019 and makes their declaration on the final day of the declaration window (28th February 2020) after the pharmacy has closed for the day.</p> <p>Contractors are strongly encouraged to start their valproate audit well before this date to reduce the risk of missing this deadline and allow themselves more flexibility on the date on when they make their declaration.</p> <p>Contractors will be paid their Aspiration payment (if they claimed within the required time period).</p>

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30th November 2019	<p>The window CLOSES for contractors to update their NHS website profiles or for DSPs to send an email to the NHSBSA Provider Assurance Team (further details will be available in the NHSE&I PQS 2019/20 guidance). This CLOSES at 11.59pm.</p> <p>DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE: CONTRACTORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM A PQS PAYMENT IF THEY MISS THIS DEADLINE AS THIS IS A GATEWAY CRITERION.</p> <p>The window CLOSES for contractors to update their NHS 111 DoS profiles. This CLOSES at 11.59pm.</p> <p>DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE: CONTRACTORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM FOR THE DIGITAL ENABLERS DOMAIN IF THEY MISS THIS DEADLINE AS CONTRACTORS NEED TO MEET ALL THE QUALITY CRITERION WITHIN A DOMAIN TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM PAYMENT FOR THAT DOMAIN.</p>
31st January 2020	<p>Contractors can stop checking that all patients with diabetes, have had foot and eye checks (retinopathy) in the last 12 months (please note, eye checks are only for patients with diabetes aged 12 or over) in order to meet the quality criterion.</p>
1st February 2020	<p>This is the final day by which contractors must have started their NSAID audit. This will allow contractors to complete the NSAID within four weeks (the audit may be required to be completed over four weeks if the required number of patients do not present within a two week period). The contractor will need to start the audit when the pharmacy opens on 1st February 2020 and if they contractor is required to complete the audit over a four week period, make their declaration on the final day of the declaration window (28th February 2020) after the pharmacy has closed for the day.</p> <p>Contractors are strongly encouraged to start their NSAID audit well before this date to reduce the risk of missing this deadline and allow themselves more flexibility on the date on when they make their declaration.</p>
3rd February 2020	<p>The window opens for contractors to claim for a PQS payment on MYS (this opens at 9am).</p>
28th February 2020	<p>The window closes for contractors to claim for a PQS payment on MYS (this closes at 11.59pm).</p> <p>DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE: CONTRACTORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM A PQS PAYMENT IF THEY MISS THIS DEADLINE.</p>
31st March 2020	<p>Deadline for contractors to meet the Sugar Sweetened Beverages quality criterion, if not already done so when they made their PQS declaration.</p>
1st April 2020	<p>Contractors will be paid their PQS payment (if they claimed within the required time period).</p>