



Daily Update

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This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In today's flu vaccination update special: funding for 2020/21 and vaccinating 50-64-year olds.

Flu vaccination funding for 2020/21

PSNC has agreed a position with NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care on funding for the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service in 2020/2021.

The fee per vaccination will remain at £9.58, but we have also agreed, for this year only:

- £0.50 per vaccination will be paid, funded from the Transition Fund; and
- up to £1m of medicines margin can be retained for flu vaccinations administered above the number in a normal year. This will be in addition to the allowed £800 million medicines margin under the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.

This means the combined value of fees paid per vaccination will be £10.08. As is normally the case, contractors will also be reimbursed for the vaccine costs at the basic price (list price) of the individual vaccine administered and an allowance at the applicable VAT rate will also be paid.

Additional funding for off-site provision of flu vaccinations

For the 2020/21 flu vaccination service, NHSE&I are making funding available to support the venue hire and cold storage costs contractors might incur if they organise vaccination sessions off the pharmacy premises.

Contractors will be required to:

- obtain pre-authorisation of the hire of the venue and cold storage costs from the regional NHSE&I office; and
- undertake a minimum of 20 vaccinations at the venue hired to be eligible to receive the pre-authorised payment.

Contractors can claim up to £200 for the hire of a venue, but where the hire of the venue costs less than £200, they can only claim up to the actual cost of the hired venue. When claiming for the cost of venue hire for the first-time, contractors can additionally claim a one-off payment of £200 for cold storage equipment.

Claims for payments for pre-authorised monies should be made monthly, via the Manage Your Service (MYS) platform. Claims will be accepted by the NHSBSA within six months of hire of the venue or by 31st August 2021, whichever date is earlier, in accordance with the usual Drug Tariff claims process.

[Read the funding details in full](#)

Flu vaccination for 50-64-year olds – Are you vaccinating in line with the PGD?

Community pharmacy contractors are reminded that as part of the further extension to the vaccine programme in 2020/21, people in the 50-64-year old age group cannot be vaccinated until an announcement is made by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I). This is likely to occur in November or December.

Prior to that point, patients aged 50-64 who are not in one of the clinical at-risk groups are NOT eligible to be vaccinated under this service. Contractors doing so are acting outside the Patient Group Direction (PGD) and therefore will not be able to claim payment for these vaccinations.

This approach is being taken to ensure that those who are **most** at risk of flu are vaccinated first. Patients aged 50-64 and who are in one of the clinical at-risk groups which are eligible for the flu vaccination can have their flu vaccination prior to the announcement.

[Learn more here](#)

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. Are all people with asthma (aged 18 years or over) eligible for an NHS flu vaccination under the national Flu Vaccination Service?

No. People with asthma are entitled to an NHS flu vaccination if they have asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission as stated in the service specification. Therefore, patients who are only prescribed a short-acting β 2 agonist, for example, salbutamol to manage their asthma are not entitled to an NHS flu vaccination unless they fall into another eligible group.

Q. Are pharmacy team members an eligible group for flu vaccination within the Advanced Service?

No. Employers may wish to offer pharmacy staff flu vaccinations as part of their occupational health arrangements, but this cannot be undertaken as part of the Advanced Service. If a pharmacy team member is eligible for an NHS flu vaccination and falls into one of the eligible patient groups for the Advanced Service, they would be able to use the service at the pharmacy.

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