Retrospective price adjustment

Retrospective Drug Tariff adjustments
The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has retrospectively determined the following adjustments to the Drug Tariff.

From 1st July, Melatonin 1mg/1ml oral solution sugar free (150ml) has been added to Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff as a Category C line based on Colonis Pharma. It follows that Melatonin 5mg/5ml oral solution and Melatonin 5mg/5ml oral suspension have been deleted from Part VIIIB.

For June 2019, Telmisartan 80mg/ Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28 pack) will be reimbursed at **£16.79** (instead of £16.72).

Between April and June 2019, Glyceryl trinitrate 400micrograms/dose aerosol sublingual spray (180 dose) will be reimbursed at **£3.43** (instead of £3.37).

Serious Shortage Protocols webinar

PSNC recently held a webinar about the new legislation for Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs).

During the webinar, our presenters explained what an SSP is, clarified situations when they may be used, described what they may involve, and talked through the decisions you may need to make when one is in place. We also outlined the endorsement and claiming process.

View the webinar now at:
psnc.org.uk/SSPwebinar

Flu vaccination supply update

Public Health England, NHS England and NHS Improvement have issued a letter to general practices and community pharmacy contractors regarding a delay in the supply of quadrivalent flu vaccines (see **ow.ly/crmm30pbX3B**).

Contractors are therefore advised, if they have placed an order for quadrivalent influenza vaccines, to contact the relevant manufacturer or supplier to confirm delivery dates in order to plan effectively for the season.

Real-time Exemption Checking pilot

Digital system has enabled community pharmacy contractors to confirm the prescription charge exemption status for more than 3,700 patients so far.

> **"New electronic method of checking prescription charge exemptions being trialled"**

Four community pharmacy contractors have been piloting Real-time Exemption Checking (RTEC) since February 2019.

Those teams can now digitally check whether patients are eligible for free prescriptions (because they hold specific exemptions) using the new RTEC system.

NHS Digital worked with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) and Positive Solutions to develop the RTEC system.

More than 3,700 patients were confirmed as exempt during the opening stage of the pilot, meaning those patients did not have to be asked whether they pay for prescriptions or to sign a declaration.

PSNC believes there will be clear benefits to pharmacy teams and patients when RTEC is more widely rolled out, reducing the burden of the current prescription charge exemption system which pharmacy contractors are required to operate.

Initially, those pharmacy teams that use the Positive Solutions Analyst pharmacy system will be able to use RTEC. Other pharmacy system suppliers are working with NHS Digital to introduce the RTEC feature in their software.

Further announcements will be made in due course, once roll-out timings are confirmed for those pharmacy contractors using the Positive Solutions system.

Roll-out plans

The RTEC system is being rolled out in phases:
Phase One: Maternity, medical, pre-payment, low income scheme and HMRC exemptions.

Phase Two: All Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) exemptions, including Universal Credit.

Once the first two phases are complete, NHS Digital plans to conduct a prioritisation and costing exercise to explore the possibility of including the Education and Ministry of Defence exemptions in the system.

Schedule of Payments webinar: Your questions answered

Following PSNC's Understanding your Schedule of Payments webinar in June, our Dispensing and Supply Team respond to some of the questions you posed.

Q. Why doesn't the number of items on my PMR system report match the figure on my Schedule of Payments?

A. This may be down to your EPS submission timing. Where a dispensed notification is sent before midnight on the last day of the dispensing calendar month, the claim notification must be received by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) before midnight on the 5th of the following month to be counted towards the total items for the actual dispensing month.

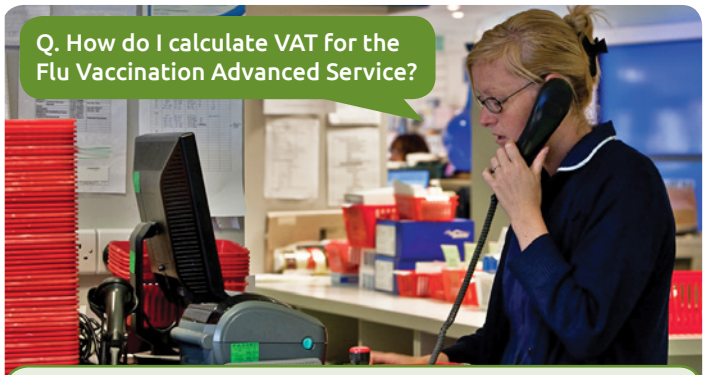
It is important to note that where the claim notification is submitted later than the 5th of the following month, the item(s) will **not** be counted towards the actual dispensing month.

See our *Claiming for EPS prescriptions on time* factsheet: **psnc.org.uk/EPSclaimguide**

Q. Where can I find NUMSAS payment details on my Schedule of Payments?

A. Payments for pharmacies taking part in the NHS Urgent Medicines Supply Advanced Service (NUMSAS) appear on page 2 of the Schedule of Payments. Look under 'Details of other amounts authorised' and see the items listed as Urgent Medicine Reimbursement, Remuneration and Charges payments.

DETAILS OF OTHER AMOUNTS AUTHORISED	£
Urgent Medicine Reimbursement Payment	83.27
Urgent Medicine Remuneration Payment	217.50
Urgent Medicine Charges	-8.80
Pharmacy Access Scheme Paymen	1,072.88
3 Mth Prepaid Cert - Current Price	-29.10
Flu Reimbursement Payment	9.60
Flu Remuneration Payment	9.48
Total of other amounts authorised	**1,354.83**



Q. How do I calculate VAT for the Flu Vaccination Advanced Service?

A. VAT is automatically added to the flu vaccines (reimbursement) and total drugs cost are claimed at the applicable rate.

Q. Do I need to declare my staff hours on the FP34C submission document?

A. No. As of December 2016, pharmacy staff do not need to declare staff hours as this previously formed part of the practice payment which is no longer in effect for community pharmacies in England.

Q. How do pharmacies with LPS contracts differ in terms of what is displayed on the Schedule of Payments?

A. Fees for LPS pharmacies are omitted from the Schedule of Payments and paid by their local NHS England teams. The payment will appear under details of local amounts authorised and is titled 'Local Pharmaceutical Services'.

Useful links

Watch the Understanding your Schedule of Payments webinar on-demand: **psnc.org.uk/FP34webinar**

Read the factsheet: **psnc.org.uk/FP34factsheet**

Visit the webpage: **psnc.org.uk/FP34**

If you would like more information on any of the topics covered, the PSNC Dispensing and Supply Team will be happy to help (0203 1220 810 or email **info@psnc.org.uk**).

Drug Tariff Watch

The Preface lists additions, deletions and alterations to the Drug Tariff. Below is a quick summary of the changes due to take place from **1st August 2019.**

KEY:
■ Special container
● Item requiring reconstitution
* This pack only (others already available)

Part VIIIA additions:

Category A:

- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine solution for injection wv0.5ml vials (1)

Category C:

- Betamethasone valerate 2.25mg medicated plasters (4) – *Betesil*
- Clozapine 100mg tablets (84)
- Clozapine 200mg tablets (100) – *Denzapine*
- Clozapine 25mg tablets (84)
- Clozapine 50mg tablets (100) – *Denzapine*
- Clozapine 50mg/ml oral suspension sugar free ■ (100ml) – *Denzapine*
- Etanercept 50mg/1ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices (4)
- Guaifenesin 100mg/5ml / Pseudoephedrine 30mg/5ml oral solution (100ml) – *Benylin Mucus Cough Plus Decongestant syrup*
- Hydrocortisone acetate 1% cream ■ (15g) – *Hc45 Hydrocortisone*
- Levocarnitine 1g chewable tablets (10) – *Carnitor*
- Lidocaine 200mg/10ml (2%) solution for injection ampoules (20) – *Lidocaine Mini-Plasco*
- Lidocaine 44mg/2.2ml (2%) / Adrenaline (base) 27.5micrograms/2.2ml (1 in 80,000) solution for injection cartridges (50) – *Lingospan Special*
- Mexiletine 167mg capsules (100) – *Namuscla*
- Naphazoline 0.012% eye drops ■ (10ml) – *Murine irritation & redness*
- Salicylic acid 40% medicated plasters ■ (8) – *Scholl Corn Removal 40% plasters washproof*
- Salicylic acid 40% medicated plasters ■ (30) – *Scholl Verucca Removal System*

For a full list of the upcoming Drug Tariff changes, including amendments, please visit: ow.ly/ePZN50vgViL

Part IX deletions

Product	Size, product code
K Tech (layer #1) bandage	All sizes
K Tech Reduced (layer #1) bandage	All sizes
K Press (layer #2) bandage	All sizes
Askina Hydro dressing - Square	All sizes
Askina Biofilm Transparent dressing - Square	All sizes
Sutherland Lubricating Jelly (sterile until opened)	All sizes
Urinal Systems - Salts Healthcare	All products
OstoMart OstoFIX40 HydroAV Security Frames	DWK40
Dansac NovaLife TRE 1 colostomy bags	3003-25, 3003-30, 3002-25, 3002-30, 3002-35, 3002-40, 3002-45, 3031-24, 3032-30, 3032-40, 3032-35 and 3031-40
Dansac NovaLife TRE 1 ileostomy bags	3024-40, 3024-45, 3018-25, 3018-30, 3016-25, 3016-30, 3023-45 and 3042-40
Dansac NovaLife TRE 1 open convex ileostomy bag - Pre-cut	All sizes
Confidence Gold Convex ileostomy bag	All sizes X
Conform 2 two piece ostomy system colostomy bag - Mini, Beige	70mm (27410)
TrueTrack System testing strips	Pack of 50

Notice of deletion

BD Micro-Fine + Sterile, Single-Use lancets (Becton Dickinson) 0.20mm/33 gauge, 100 0.30mm/30 gauge, 200 have been flagged with a notice of deletion and are due to be deleted from Part IX of the October 2019 Drug Tariff.

To see the other appliances due to be deleted from the Drug Tariff in the coming months, please visit: **psnc.org.uk/appliancedeletions**