



CPCF Checklist

Thursday 26th September 2019

PSNC is working to provide as much information and as many resources as possible to help community pharmacy teams to understand the details of the new Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) agreement as they are finalised in the ongoing negotiations.

This email is one of a series of recommended actions for community pharmacy contractors to help you to get ready for the introduction of all elements of the five-year CPCF. There is a lot to do and details will be coming out in stages, so this email series will help guide you through the process and highlight all of the resources and support available to you.

13. Review amendments to the Drug Tariff

Community pharmacy contractors and their teams are advised to review the changes relating to reimbursement and remuneration in the October 2019 Drug Tariff. These have been summarised below.

Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs)

Amendments have been made to Parts I, II and IIIA of the Drug Tariff to recognise SSPs. The new wording provides details of the endorsement requirements, reimbursement and remuneration for supplies made in accordance with SSPs.

Reimbursement

Reimbursement is for the medicine or appliance supplied in accordance with an SSP, not the originally prescribed medicine/appliance. Payment is normally calculated on the basis that the exact quantity ordered by the prescriber has been supplied, apart from any supply made against an SSP for an alternative quantity. Additionally, where a supply is made against an SSP, the reimbursement price will account for VAT payment.

Remuneration

Aside of the usual dispensing fees and allowances for any items supplied in accordance with an SSP, pharmacy contractors will receive an additional **SSP fee of £5.35 per item**.

For guidance on claiming payment for SSPs, click [here](#) to view our factsheet.

For general information and background on SSPs, click [here](#) to view our SSPs page.

Establishment Payment changes

Amendments have been made to Part VIA to update the monthly Establishment Payment levels. This is a continuation of the phasing out of this payment. The table below shows the new amounts for pharmacy contractors in England:

| Number of items per month from 1 October 2019 | Monthly Establishment Payments from 1 October 2019 |
|--|---|
| 2,500 – 2,829 | £582 |
| 2,830 – 3,149 | £605 |
| 3,150+ | £628 |

Transitional Payments

The monies from the Establishment Payment are being reinvested elsewhere to keep the overall funding sum at £2.592bn.

Amendments have been made to Part VIA to add Transitional Payments to the Drug Tariff. All contractors will automatically receive Transitional Payments from October 2019. Payments will be paid on a monthly basis according to the number of prescription items submitted and reimbursed by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) in the relevant month, as set out in the table below:

| Number of items per month from 1 October 2019 | Monthly Transitional Payment from 1 October 2019 |
|--|---|
| 0 – 2500 | £100.00 |
| 2501 – 5000 | £700.00 |
| 5001 – 19167 | £780.00 |
| 19168+ | £833.33 |

For more information on the Transitional Payments, click [here](#) to view our news story.

Did you miss the PSNC and NHSE&I webinar on CPCS?

On Monday, PSNC and NHSE&I held a joint webinar for pharmacy teams and others interested in learning more about the service and how to implement it; nearly 500 people tuned in on the night and 98% of people responding to the feedback survey found it useful.

If you missed the webinar, you can [watch the on-demand version](#).

[Find out more about the service on our CPCS hub page](#)

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