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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Tuesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: CEO blog; 2021/22 PhAS details; prescription signatures to return; staff vaccine requirements regarding care homes; Drug Tariff news.PSNC CEO issues new blog In his latest blog, PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes reflects on the outcomes of the 2021/22 contractual negotiations.Simon is clear that there are some good elements for all of the community pharmacy sector in the Year Three deal, including the protection of Transitional Payments and the funding for new services that will help both patients and the NHS.Simon also promises that PSNC will continue to fight for an uplift to core funding for the sector as negotiations for Year Four of this Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) approach in the autumn.[**Read the CEO blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8a2679c4db&e=d19e9fd41c) Details about 2021/22 Pharmacy Access Scheme publishedThe NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have today published details about the updated Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS), which starts from January 2022. [**Read PSNC's briefing on the 2021/22 PhAS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=470d7b532c&e=d19e9fd41c)End of temporary suspension of signatures on prescriptionsThe temporary suspension of the requirement for patients (or their representatives) to sign the reverse of NHS prescription forms or Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) tokens is due to end on **31st August 2021**. In addition, the submission requirement of certain EPS tokens to the NHSBSA is also due to resume from **1st September**. PSNC advises contractors to start making plans to return to capturing signatures on NHS prescriptions/tokens and to review the current submission processes to include relevant tokens with monthly bundles from September.[**Learn more about these changes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1e0f8c8de9&e=d19e9fd41c) Staff vaccination requirements when working or deployed in care homesFollowing DHSC's announcement that COVID-19 vaccination will be a requirement for people working or deployed in care homes from **11th November 2021,** NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has written to NHS staff, including community pharmacy contractors, about how this will be delivered operationally.[**Read the NHSE&I letter**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7824087d23&e=d19e9fd41c) Inclisiran added to a new section of the Drug TariffThe [**Drug Tariff**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5d88e4adc9&e=d19e9fd41c) will include a new section, **Part VIIIC**, from **September 2021**. This section will set out arrangements of payment for products with a nominal price (i.e where the product's purchase price is significantly lower than its NHS list price).The only product currently listed in Part VIIIC of the Drug Tariff is **Inclisiran (Leqvio®) 284mg/1.5ml solution**.[**Find out more about the addition of Inclisiran to the Drug Tariff**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fd245166c8&e=d19e9fd41c)**Drug Tariff Watch - September 2021**PSNC’s Dispensing and Supply Team has created a summary of the Drug Tariff changes for September 2021. This includes details of additions, deletions and category and price changes.[**See the September 2021 Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4d2eb7fc46&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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