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| PSNC Newsletter |
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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: C-19 LFD distribution service updates; new C-19 treatments; contractors benefit from earlier advance payments; collection of pharmaceutical waste; retrospective price adjustment.COVID-19 LFD distribution service updatesFollowing the developments this week regarding the Omicron variant of COVID-19, community pharmacy contractors are advised that they may see demand for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits increase significantly.Contractors are therefore encouraged to continue to review their test-kit stock levels and where there is space to store additional cartons of test kits within the pharmacy. Contractors are also encouraged to consider placing additional orders to ensure that their pharmacy teams can meet demand over the next couple of months.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3fde4a61cb&e=d19e9fd41c)**Orient Gene and MYS claiming issues**Contractors have highlighted problems when trying to enter Orient Gene lateral flow device test kits onto the Manage Your Service (MYS) application. Contractors with affected stock will need to add the letter ‘G’ in front of the lot number to submit their data. New COVID-19 treatmentsThe UK Government has made available new treatment options for COVID-19 for eligible groups of patients. A national study has now launched and is recruiting around 10,000 UK patients at risk of serious illness from COVID-19 to be among the first in the world to take the antiviral **molnupiravir** at home after receiving a positive PCR test.Those at highest risk who test positive for the virus – for example, people who are immunocompromised, cancer patients or those with Down’s syndrome – will also be able to access either molnupiravir or the novel monoclonal antibody Ronapreve outside of the study from 16th December 2021.[**Read more about the trial**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e1827efc64&e=d19e9fd41c) Over 8,600 pharmacy contractors benefit from earlier advance payments in DecemberOver **8,600**community pharmacy contractors who declared their November 2021 FP34C submission figures through the [**MYS portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f27e0371a4&e=d19e9fd41c) **by 5th December** will have receivedearlier advance payments on 9th December (circa 20 days earlier than the regular advance payment timetable). Contractors who got earlier advance payments will shortly receive a letter from the NHSBSA regarding these payments. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=09d6c953a1&e=d19e9fd41c)Collection of unwanted medicines and out-of-date stockPSNC has recently received several queries from contractors about the collection of waste medicines. We would like to remind contractors that NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) regional teams are responsible for arranging the collection of waste medicines from pharmacies, but increasingly Anenta Limited is being contracted to collect and dispose of this waste. [**Learn more about the collection of unwanted/out-of-date medicines**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=26861bb2e8&e=d19e9fd41c)Retrospective price adjustmentThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have granted a [**retrospective concessionary price**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b8deb28b77&e=d19e9fd41c) for Isocarboxazid 10mg tablets for the months of May and June 2021.[**Find out more about this price adjustment**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f4982be603&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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