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| **This newsletter - sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - contains important information and resources to support community pharmacies across England.** |

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| **In this update: No change to NHS prescription charges for 2025/26; NMS claiming guidance; Drug Tariff updates; Detained Estates EPS issue.** |

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| The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that the NHS prescription charge will be kept at £9.90 per prescription item for 2025/26.A [Government press release](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=80fd93a79d&e=d19e9fd41c) today confirms that the NHS prescription charge will be frozen, as well as the costs for prescription prepayment certificates (PPCs). PPCs offer savings for those needing multiple prescription items or when a patient is prescribed a listed HRT medicine.Community Pharmacy England will soon update its resources to help pharmacies communicate these charges to patients. |

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| [**Read more, including our CEO's statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e2d67d8a5e&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Ahead of making a claim for the New Medicine Service (NMS) consultations carried out in April 2025, pharmacy owners are reminded of the changes to the service’s payment structure that came into effect this month.We’ve published an update on claiming for NMS consultations, including the new £14 fee per consultation and how to report and submit claims using the MYS portal.[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=10064b5574&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Drug Tariff updates****6 products re-classified as special containers from May 2025**Following representations from Community Pharmacy England, DHSC has re-determined that six products will be granted special container status from 1st May 2025. [Learn more and view list of products](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1f79af51d4&e=d19e9fd41c)**Other update to be aware of:*** [Drug Tariff Watch – May 2025](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8d1cafd99e&e=d19e9fd41c): our guide to the additions, deletions and other changes coming into effect from next month.
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| **Detained Estate prescribing systems impacting prescription stamp area**NHS England has identified an issue with the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) in detained estates, where patient-nominated pharmacy details are incorrectly appearing in the ‘Pharmacy Stamp Area’ of FP10 prescriptions and EPS tokens. Pharmacies are advised to cross out or over-stamp these details and continue dispensing as usual. NHS England is working to resolve the issue, and prescription processing and reimbursement is unaffected.[**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0c1948564e&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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