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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: Still time to claim PQS Aspiration payment; Cefalexin 250mg/5ml SSP reactivated; Pharmacy First caps for May 2025; DSP FAQs.** |

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| Pharmacy owners have one week left to claim an Aspiration payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 as the window for claiming this payment **closes at 11.59pm on Friday 16th May 2025**.The Aspiration payment is optional, but pharmacy owners who wish to claim should review the [requirements of the PQS 2025/26](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e6065fa9cc&e=d19e9fd41c) before declaring the domains they intend to meet in the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. |

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| [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ecdaa6a957&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Reactivation of SSP078 for Cefalexin 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has agreed to **reactivate** the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Cefalexin 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free (SSP078) due to the persistence of supply issues.SSP078 has been reactivated with immediate effect with a new expiry date of 8th August 2025. [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6c935b36df&e=d19e9fd41c)**Dispensing and Claiming SSPs explainer video**A screenshot of a video call  AI-generated content may be incorrect.A recent video from our in-house Drug Tariff and funding experts explains how to correctly endorse and claim for items subject to an SSP. This video is part of our 'Funding & Reimbursement Shorts' series. [Watch now](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=966e3620b9&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways caps for May 2025**Pharmacy owners should be aware that the Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways band assignments and monthly caps for May 2025 are published on the [NHSBSA website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d48cd7e4af&e=d19e9fd41c).The list published indicates the band assignment and monthly cap for each pharmacy by ODS code. If a pharmacy ODS is not included in the list, the pharmacy is automatically considered to be in Band 1 (the lowest band).[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fca6e6fdfc&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Have you seen our FAQs on changes to the DSP regulations?**Our website has many answers to queries posed by pharmacy owners, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Below is one of the most recent additions about contract changes relating to the [CPCF settlement for 2024/25 and 2025/26](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3347c58e36&e=d19e9fd41c):A green and white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| [**See all the FAQs in our DSP regulatory FAQs article**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a8318b0698&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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