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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Friday 12th November 2021 |

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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: Pharmacies benefit from earlier advance payment timetable; DHSC consultation updates; PPV activity for OOP; SSP05 extended; Self Care week.Over half of all pharmacies benefit from new earlier advance payment timetableOver 6,000 community pharmacy contractors who declared their October 2021 FP34C submission figures through the [**Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=56bbb21bab&e=d19e9fd41c) by 5th November will have received earlier advance payments on the 11th November (circa 20 days earlier than the normal advance payment timetable). All contractors who received earlier advance payments should receive a letter from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) regarding these payments.Contractors who submitted their October FP34C through MYS late (after 5th November) or used the revised paper FP34C submission document to declare their October figures will receive their advance payments in accordance with the normal payment timetable i.e. on 1st December 2021.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1748458b6d&e=d19e9fd41c) DHSC consultation updatesThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has this week launched a consultation on original pack dispensing and responded to another on hub and spoke.**Original Pack Dispensing consultation**DHSC has started a consultation on proposals to allow pharmacists to dispense prescription medicines in their original packaging. The consultation proposes regulatory changes that would give pharmacists the flexibility to dispense (up to 10%) more or less than the prescribed quantity of a medicine, if this means that they can dispense it in the manufacturer’s original packs. [**Learn more about the consultation**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6d93784bdf&e=d19e9fd41c)**2016 hub and spoke consultation**DHSC has published its response to the 2016 consultation on hub and spoke. The response explains why DHSC did not pursue hub and spoke at the time, and paves the way for a new consultation on hub and spoke in 2021 or 2022, which is expected following significant engagement on the issue by DHSC with key stakeholders, including community pharmacy. [**Read the consultation response**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8a3f26b818&e=d19e9fd41c)Post Payment Verification for out of pocket expense claimsIn the latest NHS Primary Care Bulletin, it was announced that the NHSBSA is reviewing claims submitted for out of pocket expenses (OOPE) between February 2019 - January 2020 and February 2020 - January 2021. Those pharmacies selected as part of the review, will shortly be contacted by the NHSBSA’s Provider Assurance team, who will ask these pharmacies to review their claims.[**Learn more and read PSNC's OOPE guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6fa5aba862&e=d19e9fd41c) SSP for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets extendedDHSC has announced that the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets (SSP05) has been further extended to **Friday 11th February 2022**.[**Find out more about SSPs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1e9e52920e&e=d19e9fd41c) Self Care Week 2021Self Care Week will launch at midday on Monday (**15th November**) with a twitterchat discussion about the importance of self care. Guest tweeters will include representatives from The Patient's Association, NHSE&I, the World Health Organization (WHO), and more.[**Find out how your team can get involved**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8e15de287b&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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