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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: Findings from the CPCF Annual Review; PQS declaration delay; funded IP training; emergency declaration extension; changes to SSP making claims.First Annual Review of CPCF paves way for year 4 negotiationsThe first Annual Review of the progress of the five-year Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) deal has been concluded by PSNC, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSE&I). The review took place separately from, and too late to inform, the comprehensive bid for an uplift to CPCF funding which we had made in time for cross-government talks about the Spending Review. At its November planning meeting, PSNC agreed that more funding would need to be sought again this year, while recognising that the outcome of the Spending Review is likely to prevent any uplift to CPCF funding for the next two financial years. All parties reviewed a significant amount of data and analysis during the course of the review and this allowed PSNC to demonstrate the scale of the cost and capacity challenges facing community pharmacies. Agreement eventually emerged around a number of key points including the progress made in transitioning pharmacy towards a service-based agenda, the huge efforts and commitment of pharmacy contractors and their teams, the need to remain focused on embedding the new pharmacy services, and more.[**Learn more about the Review**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d01e361821&e=d19e9fd41c)PQS declaration: delay in opening of portalThe NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has announced that there will be a delay in opening the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal for the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) declarations. The declaration window will now open at 3pm on Thursday 3rd February 2022 and close on **Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 11:59pm**.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=17e908893d&e=d19e9fd41c) **PQS Declaration questions published**Meanwhile, the NHSBSA has published the questions that will be included in the 2021/22 PQS declaration so that community pharmacy contractors can view these ahead of making their declaration.[**View declaration questions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=97f7714deb&e=d19e9fd41c)Funded IP training for community pharmacistsHealth Education England (HEE) has published details on their initial offer of funded Independent Prescribing (IP) courses for pharmacists. This offer will be suitable for community pharmacists who are already in a position to apply and meet the eligibility criteria and where applicable, have agreement from their employer to apply for this funding. [**Learn more about this training**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a4c7f561df&e=d19e9fd41c)Changes to making SSP claimsDHSC has confirmed that only the ‘SSP’ endorsement and notthe ‘NCSO’ endorsementor EPStokens will be accepted on electronic prescriptions and paper FP10 prescription forms when claiming for supplies made in accordance with a valid Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) from **February 2022**. [**Find out more about this change**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=230910842a&e=d19e9fd41c) Secretary of State emergency declaration extensionThe declaration of an emergency requiring the flexible provision of pharmaceutical services which was introduced to help maintain pharmacy services during the COVID-19 outbreak, has been extended to 31st March 2022. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bdcfa7425a&e=d19e9fd41c)EPS tokens and NCSO endorsement no longer accepted for SSP claimsThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that from February 2022, only the ‘SSP’ endorsement will be accepted to claim for any supplies made in accordance with a valid Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP).Instead, community pharmacy contractors should use the ‘SSP’ endorsement, introduced in June 2021, which uses the code‘SSP’ followed by the three-digit reference number applicable to the SSP. For example, SSP for Paracetamol 120mg suppositories would be endorsed as ‘SSP 015’.[**Find out more about this change**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e98c735116&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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