



# Daily Update

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## In today's update: changes to the Pharmacy Terms of Service; SSPs issued for Fluoxetine and Salazopyrin.

### New NHS Pharmacy Regulations laid

New [NHS regulations have been laid today](#) to introduce changes to the Terms of Service for community pharmacy contractors.

Some changes relate to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, but others were previously agreed as part of the five-year Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) and were originally planned to be introduced in July 2020.

The pandemic-related additions to the Terms of Service are:

- The introduction of a **Pandemic Treatment Protocol**, which can be used to allow for the supply of medicines for the prevention or treatment of diseases for a current or anticipated pandemic, such as coronavirus;
- The **flexible provision of flu and coronavirus vaccination** or immunisation services during a pandemic;
- Contractors must facilitate **remote access to their services** to a reasonable extent; and
- **Owing slips** may be in an electronic form as well as a hard copy form.

Other key new regulations, agreed as part of the five-year CPCF, include:

1. The introduction of the **Discharge Medicines Service**, as a new Essential service from 1st January 2021; and
2. The requirement for all pharmacies to meet the **Healthy Living Pharmacy** Level 1 requirements (with compliance with some of these requirements being delayed until 1st April 2021).

[Click here for full details of all the new regulations](#)

### New SSPs issued for Fluoxetine 30mg capsules and Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg

In response to significant ongoing disruption to the supply of Fluoxetine 30mg capsules and Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg, two Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been issued by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

Introduced with immediate effect today, SSP07 has been developed by clinicians and provides pharmacists with procedures to follow in providing a suitable alternative product, three Fluoxetine 10mg capsules or one Fluoxetine 20mg capsule and one Fluoxetine 10mg capsule in response to the serious shortage affecting Fluoxetine 30mg capsules.

SSP08 outlines the procedures to follow in providing a suitable alternative product, generic Sulfasalazine 500mg gastro-resistant (GR) tablets in response to the serious shortage affecting Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg.

**[Learn more about these new SSPs and read PSNC's guidance](#)**

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

**Q. When will I receive payment for Part 1 PQS following the submission of a claim on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal?**

Any claims submitted by 5th August 2020 will be paid to contractors on 1st September 2020. Contractors submitting after 5th August 2020 will be paid in line with the payment schedule below:

<b>Claim submitted by</b>	<b>Paid to contractor</b>
5th September 2020	1st October 2020
5th October 2020	1st November 2020
5th November 2020	1st December 2020
5th December 2020	1st January 2021
5th January 2021	1st February 2021
29th January 2021 (Closing Date)	1st March 2021

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