



# News Alert

Wednesday 18th December 2019

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## Contractor Notice: SSP02 Fluoxetine 30mg capsules expiry

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Following the implementation of SSP02, DHSC has announced that sufficient stock of Fluoxetine 30mg capsules is now available to supply normal demand; as a result, the **SSP02 for Fluoxetine 30mg capsules will expire at 23.55pm Wednesday 18th December 2019**. Any prescriptions for Fluoxetine 30mg capsules after this date must be dispensed in accordance with the prescription, as the SSP will no longer be valid for use.

### Top Tips

- View our [SSP submission reminder](#) to ensure your SSP claims are appropriately submitted to NHSBSA for reimbursement.
- Ensure that the dispensed notification messages for all EPS SSP claims are submitted before midnight on the 18th December.
- Pharmacy teams are advised to submit SSP claims using the EPS token if your PMR systems do not support/capture all the SSP endorsement requirements for a valid claim.
- If using a token to submit SSP claims, to avoid double-claiming, remember to mark the item covered by the SSP as 'Not Dispensed'/'ND' on the EPS message.
- Where available, use the claim amend facility on your PMR system to rectify any incorrect EPS claims already submitted this month.
- Any paper prescriptions or tokens with SSP claims need to be placed in a red separator (and kept separate from other tokens for non-payment i.e. with paid/exempt status).
- Check that the correct number of patient charges are collected and declared on the end of month FP34C submission form.
- SSPs will be accepted for up to three calendar months after expiry or withdrawal of the SSP. For example, for the Fluoxetine 30mg capsules SSP, which was withdrawn on 18th December, the NHSBSA would look for the "NCSO" endorsement in the December batch (submitted by the 5th of January), January batch (submitted by the 5th February) and March batch (submitted by the 5th of April).
- NHSBSAs advise that contractor SSP claims should be clear and unambiguous and follow the protocol guidelines – NHSBSA processing staff must be able to determine what has been supplied.

### Additional information

On 3rd October 2019 it was **announced** that the Secretary of State had authorised three Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) to help manage the supply of some formulations of Fluoxetine. These SSPs were put in place to manage stock and to try to ensure that fewer patients have to return to their prescriber.

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View PSNC's support guidance to endorsing Fluoxetine SSPs [here](#).

View PSNC's SSP FAQ page [here](#).

View NHSBSA's support guidance to endorsing Fluoxetine SSPs [here](#).

To view the latest SSP updates visit: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-andappliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-andappliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps)

Kind Regards,  
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