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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Tuesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: C-19 Cost Claims deadline; CEO video update; Flu vac PGD published.COVID-19 Cost Claims: Urgent action requiredCommunity pharmacy contractors have just over a week left to claim for the extra costs they incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.With the deadline of **15th August 2021** fast approaching, contractors are urged to begin filling out the agreed claim form provided by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) as soon as possible. This will require careful review of data to identify the costs that can be claimed and the gathering of relevant evidence. Contractors should be mindful that the £370 million Advance Payments given to the sector last year will be recovered from all community pharmacies, even those who **do not** make a COVID-19 costs claim.[**Read PSNC's COVID-19 Costs Claims guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a84f6c7a24&e=d19e9fd41c)[**View the NHSBSA webpage and claim form for COVID-19 costs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6dc81b499a&e=d19e9fd41c) August video update from PSNC’s CEOIn his latest video update, PSNC's CEO Simon Dukes discusses this year’s flu vaccination plans. Simon welcomes another complex but important public health programme for the community pharmacy sector to participate in, whilst recognising that COVID-19 vaccine boosters and the expanded age cohort could lead to some bumps in the road.[**Watch Simon's update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7200890dbd&e=d19e9fd41c) Flu Vaccination Service PGD published and change to service specificationNHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have approved the patient group direction (PGD) for use by pharmacy contractors during the forthcoming flu vaccination season, and it is now available to download from their website. This PGD allows contractors to use other healthcare professions listed in the PGD (e.g. nurses) to provide the service under the supervision of a pharmacist.A minor amendment has also been made to the service specification in paragraph 4.4 to remedy the accidental omission of a reference to using a national protocol for the administration of a vaccine when operating off the pharmacy premises. Ministers are still debating whether a national protocol will be issued for use in the flu vaccination programme. [**Download the flu vaccination service spec and PGD**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ef24a93753&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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