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The next edition will be sent on Friday 3rd January 2025.** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **In this update: Extended FP34C submission deadline for December; OPD starts from January; Our strategy for community pharmacy; Dispensing updates (inc concessions); Foundation Pharmacist training notice.** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [A close-up of a sign  Description automatically generated](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5432d1996c&e=d19e9fd41c)  Submission deadline requirements for prescriptions dispensed in December will be impacted by the New Year Bank Holiday.  Pharmacy owners have until the end of **6th January 2025** to submit their December FP34Cs using the [Manage Your Service (MYS) portal](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=581ab6db13&e=d19e9fd41c) and to dispatch their prescription bundle to the relevant pricing division at the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA).  However, the requirement to submit electronic Claim Notification (CN) messages or Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Messages (EREMs) within the first 5 days of the following month remains unchanged, **i.e. to avoid any delays in payment, all claims for EPS prescriptions dispensed in December must continue be submitted no later than the 5th of January.** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more about December submissions**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2ac036c36d&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [A close-up of a card  Description automatically generated](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3782ccdfae&e=d19e9fd41c)  Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) +/- 10% dispensing will be introduced for NHS prescriptions from January 2025. [Amendments to the pharmacy regulations](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ab51c06849&e=d19e9fd41c) will require the supervising pharmacist to consider dispensing up to 10% more or less than the prescribed quantity when appropriate, allowing pharmacists the flexibility to supply medicines in the manufacturer's original pack.  Our in-house experts have developed some resources to support pharmacy teams to implement the upcoming changes:   * [**OPD FAQ briefing**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0d60ffd775&e=d19e9fd41c) * [**OPD webinar recording**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=db779e5486&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Strategy for Community Pharmacy – an animation based on our 2023/24 Annual Report**  Community pharmacies are navigating impossibly tough times. We are relentlessly championing the sector, fighting to secure fair funding and vital support for pharmacy owners and their teams. The short video below based on our most recent annual report, sets out what we achieved in the last financial year.  [A group of people holding up signs  Description automatically generated](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=79c31becea&e=d19e9fd41c)  As we look to the coming year, our focus remains clear: to ensure community pharmacies are fairly funded, properly supported, and able to thrive as an essential part of primary care.  [Access the full report](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cc9620e394&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Dispensing and Supply updates**  **December Price Concessions: Final Update** The final concessions list for December was the 4th price concessions update published on 23rd December. The full list of price concessions granted for December can be found on our [price concessions hub page](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c1dc8165c6&e=d19e9fd41c).  **January Category M prices** The Drug Tariff Category M pricelist for January 2025 has been published, with an estimated overall reduction in reimbursement of approximately -£34m per quarter. Community Pharmacy England had argued for no reduction in the January Drug Tariff, stressing both the unsustainable financial pressures already being experienced by pharmacy businesses as well as the unresolved contract negotiations for 2024/25. [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b232c9bf14&e=d19e9fd41c)  **Additions to the DND list** Community Pharmacy England successfully applied for 8 new products to be added to the 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND) list from 1st January 2025, including multiple strengths of Evrenzo tablets. [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=049191e209&e=d19e9fd41c)  **Drug Tariff Watch – January 2025** Our regular summary of Drug Tariff amendments (additions, deletions and other changes) due to come into effect next month is now available. [View now](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0281bae70e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Changes to 2026/27 Foundation Pharmacist training**  Multi-sector rotations of training in different areas of pharmacy practice were due to become a requirement for all Foundation Pharmacist trainees starting in the 2026/27 training year. However, mindful of the current pressures faced by pharmacy teams and the broader healthcare sector, NHS England has decided that the planned rotations will be implemented via a phased approach instead.  [**Find out more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=330a0323d6&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f28b710a0a&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=db9955a175&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=323879ab14&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dc8e200d90&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=67a480a28a&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  *Copyright © 2024 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.*  You are receiving this email because you are subscribed to our newsletters. 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