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| **CPCF arrangements for 2024/25 and 2025/26 announced** |

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| Funding and other arrangements for community pharmacies for 2024/25 and 2025/26 have been finalised, with **community pharmacy receiving the largest uplift in funding across the whole of the NHS.**Ministers have said the uplift signals the Government's commitment to stabilising the sector, and Government has given a firm commitment to **work towards a sustainable funding and operational model for community pharmacies**, recognising the key role they will play in future healthcare.The settlement takes **baseline annual CPCF funding for 2025/26 to £3.073 billion** and secures a further **£215 million to fund the continuation of Pharmacy First** and other Primary Care Recovery Plan services.The settlement also secures a write-off of historic margin overspend, with **£193 million being written off**, and a commitment to reviewing margin distribution.**Together, this will provide a greater than 30% uplift to funding for the community pharmacy sector over the coming financial year, as compared to 2023/24.****From 1st April, the Single Activity Fee (SAF) will increase by 19p to £1.46 per item and the margin allowance for community pharmacy will rise to £900 million per year.** Fees for the Pharmacy First and Contraception Services are being increased, and a new intermediary band for the Pharmacy First monthly payment has been agreed.Looking ahead, antidepressants will be added to the **New Medicine Service (NMS)** and **Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)** will be added to the Contraception Service from October.A smaller than usual **Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)** will include training to support the expansion of these services, with a 75% aspiration payment available to claim in May.The settlement also addresses a number of regulatory matters which Community Pharmacy England argued for, including on **Distance Selling Pharmacies (DSPs), opening hours and NMS subcontracting.** |

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| [**Read more, including our analysis and resources**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ee26de114b&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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