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| **BREAKING NEWS: ABPM bundling requirement to be delayed; plus sign up to correct Adult Flu PGD** |

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| DHSC, NHS England and Community Pharmacy England have agreed that the requirement to provide one Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) consultation per month as part of the 'bundling' requirements to achieve a Pharmacy First fixed monthly payment will [not go ahead](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=52f7bc70a7&e=d19e9fd41c) from 1st October 2025 as originally planned.We will be having further discussions with DHSC and NHS England on the best way forwards.The agreement of Ministers to the delay follows Community Pharmacy England representations, as well as many pharmacy owners and their teams reporting that they struggle to get patients to agree to ABPM following a high clinic blood pressure reading. We have been sharing this evidence with DHSC and NHS England over the last few months and while the decision by Ministers provides little notice to pharmacy owners of this change, we hope the news will be welcomed by them.As committed to in the 2025/26 contractual settlement, NHS England are reviewing the use of home blood pressure monitoring to further support the diagnosis of hypertension. The future addition of this to the Hypertension Case-finding Service (HCFS) could be an appropriate way to meet the needs of patients who cannot tolerate or reject the offer of ABPM, whilst also reflecting the way many general practices choose to confirm a diagnosis of hypertension.We will continue to discuss all of these issues with DHSC and NHS England over the coming weeks, as part of the wider review of the HCFS requirements committed to in the 2025/26 contractual settlement, to seek to agree an appropriate way forward for the benefit of patients, the NHS and pharmacy owners.[**Read more about the Pharmacy First service, including bundling**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c34a26f3c7&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Adult Flu: Signing up to the correct PGD**This year, a national template Patient Group Direction (PGD) provided by the UKHSA has been used by NHS England's regions to create locally authorised PGDs for use in the [Adult Flu Vaccination Advanced Service](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ec234bbf2a&e=d19e9fd41c).Ahead of all eligible adults being able to access an NHS flu vaccination tomorrow (1st October 2025), we want to remind pharmacy owners to make sure they are using the correct regionally authorised PGD for the region in which their pharmacy is based, as well as ensuring the Authorising Manager declaration has been completed.[**Learn more and download copies of the regional PGDs**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e1a7ae7774&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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