



Daily Update

Friday 8th January 2021

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In today's update: PPE claims update; SSP07 and SSP08 extended; products reclassified as special containers.

PPE claims update

We have been informed that the personal protective equipment (PPE) claim tab on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal is now due to go live on the morning of **Wednesday 13th January**. The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) is also simplifying the alternative claim spreadsheet for multiples, and this is due for release on 13th January as well.

PSNC is very conscious that the delays will cause problems for contractors and are continuing working through this with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). We will update contractors on this as soon as possible.

Further extension to SSP07 and SSP08

DHSC has provided an update on the Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Fluoxetine 30mg capsules (SSP07) and Salazopyrin[®] EN-Tabs 500mg (SSP08).

SSP07 for Fluoxetine 30mg capsules has been further extended to **12th March 2021**, whilst SSP08 for Salazopyrin[®] EN-Tabs 500mg will now end on **22nd January 2021**.

[Read more and see PSNC's SSP guidance](#)

14 products reclassified as special containers

Following a review of the special container status of certain products, DHSC has re-determined that a further **14 products for January 2021 now meet the special container criteria** as set out in Part II Clause 10B of the Drug Tariff.

To date a total of 92 products have now been reclassified as special containers. For a list of all the monthly changes to the special container status of products, please see the following page: psnc.org.uk/SCupdates

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. Are community pharmacy staff included in the health and care workers cohort for COVID-19 vaccination?

Yes. Community pharmacy staff are included under the following grouping: *'staff who have frequent face-to-face contact with patients and who are directly involved in patient care in either secondary or primary care, mental health, urgent and emergency care and community settings.'*

Q. Are community pharmacy locum staff also included in the cohort for COVID-19 vaccination?

Yes.

More information is available in NHSE&I's [additional operational guidance on the vaccination of frontline health and social care workers](#).

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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