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|  | Key documentation published for Flu Vaccination Service, NMS and PQS.**A number of important documents relating to the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) have been published by NHS organisations today. These are outlined below.** Directions for the 2021/22 Flu Vaccination Service 2021/22 issuedCommunity pharmacy contractors meeting the requirements for the provision of the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service can now begin providing this service, following confirmation of the signing of amendments to the Secretary of State Directions from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).A National Protocol has also been confirmed to support the flu vaccination programme for 2021/22. This national protocol will enable contractors to better use the skill mix within their pharmacies when delivering flu vaccinations.[**Read more about the confirmation of the Directions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=32407fb7b3&e=d19e9fd41c) NHSE&I PQS guidance publishedToday, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has published guidance on the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). This guidance provides information on how community pharmacy contractors can meet the gateway criteria and domain requirements.[**Read the NHSE&I PQS guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b3b6d70478&e=d19e9fd41c) Updated NMS service specificationNHSE&I have today published an updated draft version of the New Medicine Service (NMS) service specification. This service specification is currently working its way through the NHSE&I publication approval process, and the final version will be published in due course.The updated service specification reflects the expansion of the service, which was one of the agreed outcomes from negotiations for [**Year 3 of the CPCF**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=91b6f9afce&e=d19e9fd41c). Community pharmacy contractors meeting the requirements for the provision of the NMS can start providing the expanded service from **today (1st September 2021)**. [**Download the updated NMS service specification**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a9bd4aa784&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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