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|  | COVID Testing: Pharmacy Collect claims and access for pharmacy teams |  |
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|  | Pharmacy Collect: December claims submission extendedAs high demand for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits continues, community pharmacy contractors now have until the end of January 2022 to submit their December 2021 claims for the [**Pharmacy Collect service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d359f7ff8f&e=d19e9fd41c).The UK Health Security Agency, Department of Health and Social Care, and NHS England and NHS Improvement have agreed to a request from PSNC for contractors to be granted an extension to the usual submission deadline on an exceptional basis. This is in recognition of the current level of demand for LFDs (and the consequent number of individual transactions which need to be recorded on the NHS Business Services Authority's (NHSBSA) Manage Your Service (MYS) portal) and the increased levels of activity for pharmacy teams at this time of year.Contractors must submit claims for the provision of the Pharmacy Collect service during the month of December 2021 before **11.59pm on 31st January 2022**. The NHSBSA has confirmed that claims received by this time will still be processed alongside the rest of the December submission bundle and therefore will not lead to a delay in payment.Access to COVID testing for pharmacy staffAmidst growing calls for key workers (including NHS staff) to be prioritised to receive COVID tests, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has advised primary care teams of how to escalate requests for testing needed for their staff.In NHSE&I's [**Primary Care Bulletin of 30th December 2021**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=452eec5d00&e=d19e9fd41c), contractors were advised to get in touch with their regional NHSE&I team who can put them in contact with the regional testing lead. Where PCR testing through normal routes is unavailable, regional testing leads may be able to help staff access alternative local testing.[**Contact details for NHSE&I's local pharmacy teams**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=acfca2bb7c&e=d19e9fd41c)UKHSA update on LFD stockAs mentioned in yesterday's newsletter, PSNC has been in regular contact with the UK Health Security Agency about the supply issues in recent days and understands that they are continuing to deliver stock to Alliance Healthcare for onward delivery to pharmacies.[**Read the latest update on LFD stock**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3cde3ec12f&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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