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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Friday 1st April 2022 |

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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: PSNC guidance on unplanned pharmacy closures; charges for late submission of prescription forms; update of review and appeals process for C-19 costs; products reclassified as special containers; new items added to DND list.PSNC issues guidance on unplanned pharmacy closuresFollowing the end of the emergency provisions allowing for flexibility of pharmacy opening hours and temporary closures, PSNC has published new guidance to support community pharmacy contractors. From today (1st April 2022), as the Government moves to its next stage in the pandemic recovery, the normal pharmacy Terms of Service rules and requirements around unplanned closures of community pharmacies have resumed.According to the regulations, contractors must notify NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) of any unplanned closures for staff illness or other reasonable cause, defined as something that is beyond a contractor’s control. The contractors should make arrangements with other pharmacies in the area for the continued provision of pharmaceutical services and make reasonable endeavours to resume services at the pharmacy as soon as is practicable[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a11fd194b8&e=d19e9fd41c) Charges for late submission of prescription formsFrom April 2022 (for prescriptions dispensed in March 2022), NHSBSA may apply an administrative deduction of £25 if a prescription bundle is submitted late to the relevant pricing division.Each month, a very small number of contractors submit their prescription bundles very late to NHSBSA. This delays the processing of their prescription bundles in a timely manner and affects the calculation of their advance payments. The £25 deduction reflects the administrative costs involved in NHSBSA calculating and making these payments.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6cd31d2d31&e=d19e9fd41c) Update of review and appeals process for COVID costsThe Pre- and Post- Payment Verification (PPV) of contractors’ COVID-19 cost claims has been continuing. This process is being led by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). Although the minority of contractors that have been audited have been paid in full, a few have had part of their claim disallowed by NHSBSA because of PPV. The information about how these contractors can dispute any unpaid amounts has been now finalised.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=814aa16f17&e=d19e9fd41c)Products reclassified as special containers from AprilFollowing representations from PSNC, the Department of Health of Social Care (DHSC) has re-determined the special container status of nine drugs that meet the criteria as set out in the relevant Clause of the Drug Tariff.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8cde5b7438&e=d19e9fd41c) 34 products added to the DND list from this monthAs a result of applications made by PSNC, 34 new products have now been added to the list of ‘Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted’ (DND). From April 2022, the discount deduction scale will no longer apply to prescriptions dispensed for these products.[**See the list of products added to the DND list**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bb507cec8c&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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