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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Friday 2nd September 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 to seek overhaul of concessions system; submit paper prescriptions promptly; PSNC secures reimbursement reclassifications; Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway; SSP032 extended.PSNC to seek overhaul of pricing concessions systemPSNC is escalating its concerns about the process for setting price concessions to senior Government officials responsible for medicines supply, warning that the system is not working in the current environment from a community pharmacy contractor perspective.The final update to August price concessions was [**announced yesterday**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=83265ab7df&e=d19e9fd41c) taking the total concessions granted to a record 138 for August. Prices for 39 lines were imposed by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC): those impositions do not match the purchase prices reported by contractors and the evidence of market prices which we passed on to DHSC.We are continuing to challenge these concessions and to seek further clarity from DHSC about what evidence they have based their prices on. As we await the appointment of a new Prime Minister and expected reshuffle, we will be escalating the situation within DHSC once again, seeking improvements in the concessions system.[**See PSNC CEO's statement on the price concessions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5ddb3523c7&e=d19e9fd41c)**PSNC price concessions webinar**Contractors are reminded that PSNC's Director of Pharmacy Funding and Drug Tariff and Reimbursement Manager will be hosting a webinar about price concessions on **Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm**.[**Register for the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3a86b8d582&e=d19e9fd41c)Postal strike action – submit your August paper prescription bundle in timeCommunity pharmacy contractors are advised to dispatch their paper prescriptions for August to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) as soon as possible, to mitigate against planned strike action by the Communication Workers Union (CWU).The paper prescription bundle should be sent together with the Account Identifier Document to the relevant pricing division of NHSBSA by Monday 5th September. Contractors are advised to use a reliable and secure courier or postal service that offers track and trace. Proof of postage by the 5th and/or delivery confirmation should be retained as evidence in case there are any issues, e.g. if a prescription bundle goes missing or is delayed in transit to the pricing division etc.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a481c6df91&e=d19e9fd41c)PSNC secures reimbursement reclassificationsFollowing applications made by PSNC, DHSC has re-determined the reimbursement status of a number of products effective from 1st September 2022. Three products have been recategorised as special containers and 15 have entered the list of 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND).This follows work by PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team to review thousands of products and successfully secure changes for hundreds of items over the past two years.[**View the products added to DND list**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ed40407baa&e=d19e9fd41c)[**View the products reclassified as special containers**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=42902a9926&e=d19e9fd41c)HEE: Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathwayHealth Education England (HEE) has launched the Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway for 2022/2023. It aims to link the initial education and training reforms to a continuum of development into post-registration to provide a smoother transition into being an independent practitioner. The pathway is open to pharmacists in any pharmacy sector, including locums.[**Learn more about the pathway**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e7ded69ca0&e=d19e9fd41c)SSP for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets extendedThe Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets (SSP032) was due to expire on 2nd September 2022, but the end date has been further extended to **Friday 9th September 2022.**[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=503e143adb&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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