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PSNC's Prescription Charge Card confirms the new NHS prescription charge of £9.65 per item, explaining that this is a tax from the Government that does not benefit the pharmacy who collects it in any way, and highlighting the cuts to pharmacy funding. Meanwhile, the Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) Poster provides information on how much PPCs can save patients, as well as describing the new HRT PPC.  [**Download both posters**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=40d71caa3e&e=d19e9fd41c) Last few days to submit valproate audit data By 31st March 2023, all community pharmacy contractors must have completed the 2022/23 national clinical audit on valproate over a six-week consecutive period and have submitted their data via the Valproate audit 2022/23 tab on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. This is a mandatory contractual requirement.  If contractors have conducted the audit but did not identify any patients to participate in the audit, they are still required to declare that no patients were identified as being suitable. This should be done by ticking the 'No eligible patients' box within the Valproate Audit 2022/23 tab on MYS and submitting this information by 31st March 2023. This will create a record which will act as evidence that the audit has been completed even though no patient data has been added to MYS.  [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7ddb300b80&e=d19e9fd41c)  **Services: 31st March and 5th April deadlines** Contractors are reminded that a number of services and Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) deadlines are approaching; this news story provides a summary of these deadlines.  [**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=064f627796&e=d19e9fd41c) Changes to discount deduction arrangements from April The Drug Tariff for April 2023 will contain changes to the discount deduction arrangements for pharmacy contractors, including changes which PSNC rejected, and are subsequently being imposed.  The changes being implemented from 1st April include all concession lines to be considered as Group Items for Discount Not Deducted i.e. DND or zero discount (ZD) items, and the rate of discount deduction for generics to increase from 17.52% to 20%.  [**Read more about these changes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=45f9e4f9ae&e=d19e9fd41c) SSP for Progynova® TS 100mcg/24hr patches DHSC has issued a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Progynova® TS 100micrograms/24hours transdermal patches. SSP052 provides that for every patch originally prescribed, one FemSeven® 100 patch can be supplied.  [**Read more about SSP052**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=915fef343e&e=d19e9fd41c) Process changes for some CPCS referrals NHS England has announced that the way some Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) GP referrals are sent by the EMIS PharmRefer product is changing.  From today, community pharmacies using CPCS solutions from Cegedim Healthcare Solutions, Positive Solutions or Sonar Informatics will be sent GP CPCS referrals to their pharmacies' NHSmail shared mailboxes rather than through PharmOutcomes.  [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1e851dfe39&e=d19e9fd41c) Other April Drug Tariff changes **New Flat Fee payment to be introduced** A new Flat Fee payment is being introduced from April 2023. A payment of £533 per month will be paid to all contractors who dispense at least 101 items a month. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=35228351ae&e=d19e9fd41c)  **Dexcom One products to be exempt from discount deduction** Dexcom One products will enter the Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted (DND) list from 1st April 2023. This follows representations from PSNC to help mitigate against losses incurred by contractors when dispensing this appliance. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=641decd6e3&e=d19e9fd41c) |  | |  |  |  | | |
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