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| **PSNC has now changed its name to Community Pharmacy England, with a strengthened commitment to championing pharmacies and engaging with the sector.** This newsletter is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. |

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| In this update: October Category M prices; National Patient Safety Alert; Check your disallowed items; Deadline for referred back prescriptions; Pharmacy career videos. |

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| October 2023 Category M prices announcedThe October 2023 Drug Tariff Category M pricelist has been released on the [NHS Business Services Authority (NHBSA) website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=958118e749&e=d19e9fd41c). At the end of Q4 2022/23 there remains an over delivery of medicine margin.The October pricelist includes adjustments for market price movements, including for Apixaban tablets, which have seen a significant decrease in purchase prices. Additionally, the extra £100m margin allowance for the Community Pharmacy sector will be phased out, and a downward adjustment will bring the baseline back to £200 million per quarter. Community Pharmacy England will be in discussions with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to find a solution for the over delivery issue. |

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| [**See what our Director of Pharmacy Funding has said on this issue**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=39255e62e5&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| National Patient Safety AlertThere is a shortage of methylphenidate prolonged-release capsules and tablets, lisdexamfetamine capsules, and guanfacine prolonged-release tablets. Primary care healthcare professionals are requested to identify all patients currently prescribed these products and establish how much supply they have remaining.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6fcc863018&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Check and challenge your disallowed items using MYSWe have identified some products that were incorrectly disallowed by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) due to operator errors or non-listing in the NHS Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d). Two such products are Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops and Emulsifying ointment 500g~~.~~Pharmacies can challenge disallowed items via the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal, and if successful, reimbursement will be provided by the NHSBSA. The most common reasons for items being disallowed include drugs not being listed in the Drug Tariff, non-listed appliances, chemical reagents, and items prescribed by a Nurse Prescriber.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=94fa6c2f06&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Deadline of outstanding referred back prescriptionsFrom October 2023 the Drug Tariff now has a deadline for submitting referred back prescriptions to the NHSBSA for payment. All referred back prescriptions must be completed and returned within 18 months from the original submission date. Any outstanding referred back prescriptions not returned before the deadline will be deleted from the system, and payment cannot be claimed for them. It's important for pharmacy owners to submit all outstanding referred back prescriptions as soon as possible to avoid payment delays.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0c2fdabdce&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Launch of pharmacy careers 360 videosThe NHS England Technology Enhanced Learning team has developed 'Pharmacy: A Day in The Life', an interactive and immersive series of pharmacy VR360 career videos for 14-to-18-year-old learners. These videos offer an inside view of the day-to-day working world of pharmacy teams and showcase different career options and pathways.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6754cb1337&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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