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| **This newsletter - sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - contains important information and resources to support community pharmacies across England.** |

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| In this update: Valproate to be supplied in original packs from today; PPV of Hypertension case-finding service; MYS dashboard changes; medicines added to export ban list. |

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| Full pack dispensing of valproate-containing medicinesChanges to the Human Medicines Regulations 2023 have today, 11th October, implemented new rules requiring pharmacists to dispense all licensed medicines containing valproate in the manufacturer's original full pack.Pharmacies must supply valproate products as complete packs and should not repackage them in plain dispensing packaging. However, exceptions can be made based on individual risk assessments, allowing pharmacists to supply valproate-containing medicines in different packaging as long as patient information leaflets are provided.Additionally, all licensed medicines containing valproate have been reclassified as special containers for reimbursement purposes, with pharmacies being automatically paid for the relevant number of complete packs. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has also released new guidance to support this change.  |

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| [**For more information including reimbursement and FAQs**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=187ad2726f&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Hypertension Case-Finding Service: Commencement of PPV activityFrom 9th October, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) Provider Assurance Team (PAT) will conduct post-payment verification (PPV) reviews of pharmacy owners offering the Hypertension Case-Finding Service. These reviews, commissioned by NHS England, will look particularly at pharmacies claiming for high volumes of blood pressure checks~~.~~.Community Pharmacy England has sought to ensure the verification process is appropriately targeted, proportionate and fair to those pharmacy owners asked to provide records. We encourage the selected pharmacy owners to fully engage with the NHSBSA PAT and provide the evidence requested through the PPV process. [Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c71f658446&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Update to MYS dashboardThe NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has announced that starting tomorrow, 12th October, the layout of the Manage Your Service (MYS) dashboard will be updated based on user feedback. The changes include moving the current tabs to the left-hand side of the page and reordering them in alphabetical order.[Find out more and v](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=188ea0d9cb&e=d19e9fd41c)[iew the updated layout](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=44dc7da833&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Update to the list of medicines banned from parallel exportTo help ensure the continued supply of medicines to meet the needs of UK patients, Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has added further products to its list of medicines that cannot be exported from the UK. These include Atomoxetine, Bumetanide (all tablets), Dexamfetamine sulfate, Guanfacine, Hyoscine hydrobromide 1.5mg patches, Lisdexamfetamine mesylate and Methylphenidate hydrochloride.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2abcd347d6&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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