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| **This newsletter contains important information and resources to support community pharmacies across England.** |

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| In this update: Important notices ahead of the new financial year; Margin changes imposed; Extended FP34C submission deadline. |

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| As we transition to a new financial year, we bring you a series of important notices outlining what pharmacy owners and their teams need to know. Please click on the hyperlinks provided to read more about each news item or access the relevant resources. [**Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF): Negotiations for 2024/2025:**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=67673a6096&e=d19e9fd41c) Negotiations on the arrangements for the coming financial year are still in progress between Community Pharmacy England, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England. Until they have concluded, fee levels will remain the same and existing service arrangements will continue as previously announced. [(Read more)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3b498aa5e0&e=d19e9fd41c) [**Chief Executive Blog: April 2024:**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a8e3b0e8cc&e=d19e9fd41c) Our CEO Janet Morrison reflects on what comes after the five-year CPCF deal ends. Noting that the positive spin from commissioners is completely at odds with the deeply distressing truth of what pharamcies are currently facing, she describes how our Negotiating Team are working at pace to try to get some good news and answers to questions about the future of the sector. [(Read Janet's blog)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=770344b009&e=d19e9fd41c) [**NHS prescription charge of £9.65 to roll over into April:**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8a379a12d2&e=d19e9fd41c) DHSC is currently unable to confirm whether or not NHS prescription charges will be uplifted in 2024. As the Government has yet to conclude consideration of any increase to prescription charges, the current charges will roll over into April 2024. [(Read more and download our Prescription Charge Card)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3b3fceb68f&e=d19e9fd41c) [**New eligible patient groups for LFD service start from 1st April:**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9d026a2381&e=d19e9fd41c) The Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments (LFD service) will expand to additional patient groups from 1st April. Updated resources are available to support pharmacy owners in implementing these changes. [(Download the resources)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e80ad10d9b&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Government imposes Drug Tariff changes to manage marginDHSC, under the direction of Ministers, has this week published the April Drug Tariff introducing changes to their approach to concessions pricing.These changes, which are untested, have been imposed by the Government without our agreement and Community Pharmacy England opposes them in the strongest terms. No recovery or downward pressure on margin is acceptable given the financial fragility of community pharmacies, and we have serious concerns about the ongoing impact on pharmacy businesses and their patients.We are actively fighting against these changes – alongside the ongoing negotiations on 2024/25 funding – and calling for an urgent review of medicines supply and margin systems to assure safety for patients and economic stability for pharmacies.[Read more, including our CEO's statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5653d884ee&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Extended FP34C submission deadline for prescriptions dispensed in March 2024With Easter Monday (1st April) occurring in the FP34C submission window, pharmacy owners will have until **6th April 2024**, to submit their March FP34Cs using the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal and to dispatch their prescription bundle to the relevant pricing division at the NHSBSA.However, the requirement to submit electronic Claim Notification (CN) messages or Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Messages (EREMs) within the first five days of the following month remains unchanged. To avoid any delays to payment for electronic prescriptions dispensed in March, pharmacy owners must continue to **submit the corresponding CN messages or EREMs no later than 5th April 2024.**[Read more about March submission](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=026339a882&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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