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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: No change to NHS Prescription Charge in April 2025; Tax Credit exemptions ending; Call for patient views on Pharmacy First.** |

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| The Government has yet to conclude consideration of any changes to NHS prescription charges or pre-payment certificates (PPCs) for 2025/26. Until an announcement is made, the current charges will remain in place.This means, for April 2025, NHS prescription charges will stay at £9.90 per item, and PPC costs, including HRT PPCs, will also remain the same. Pharmacies can continue displaying their existing notices, as no updates are required at this time. |

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| [**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e0c218183b&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| From 6th April, patients holding Tax Credit exemption certificates will no longer receive automatic exemption from the NHS prescription charge.To help communicate the changes to patients currently receiving tax credits, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has produced a poster for community pharmacies to display.[Read more and download the poster](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=96061169bd&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| In case you missed it: Community Pharmacy England and Healthwatch England are gathering patient feedback to improve the Pharmacy First service. Pharmacy teams are encouraged to promote the survey to patients after consultations for the Minor Illness or Clinical Pathways strand of the service, with posters and flyers available to encourage participation.The responses will support national evaluation, inform service improvements, and demonstrate the service’s value. The survey remains open until at least the end of 2025.[**Read more and download the resources**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b62a7e2c8e&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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