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| Daily Update  |
| Wednesday 30th June 2021 |

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|  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams, including details of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In today's update: Pandemic Delivery Service extended for self-isolators; extension of pandemic provisions; Category M price changes; review of C-19 test distribution service.Pandemic Delivery Service extended for self-isolatorsThe Pandemic Delivery Service has been further extended to **30th September 2021** for people who have been notified of the need to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. This means all pharmacies (excluding distance selling pharmacies) will be required to ensure those people who have been notified by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate can receive their prescription medicines and appliances by home delivery during the ten-day self-isolation period, if they are unable to arrange for medicines to be picked up.[**Read the NHSE&I announcement and additional guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a15f39be33&e=d19e9fd41c)Extension of pandemic provisionsMinisters have once again agreed to extend the temporary suspension of the requirement for patients (or their representatives) to sign the back of NHS prescription forms and/or EPS tokens. The latest extension is until **31st August 2021**. Whilst the suspension of signature requirements remains in place, contractors are **not required** to submit EPS tokens (other than those used for Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) claims) to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA).[**View PSNC guidance on the changes to dispensing and end of month submission processes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6c41b6d8cf&e=d19e9fd41c)**Extension of the declaration allowing the flexible provision of pharmaceutical services**The declaration of an emergency requiring the flexible provision of pharmaceutical services which was introduced to help maintain pharmacy services during the COVID-19 outbreak, has also been extended to **30th September 2021**.Further information about the emergency regulations is available on PSNC's [**network resilience page**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f055cef165&e=d19e9fd41c).July 2021 Category M Prices AnnouncedThe Drug Tariff Category M pricelist for July 2021 has been published on the [**NHSBSA's website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b45533560d&e=d19e9fd41c). PSNC has agreed the adjustments based on our analysis of margin delivery and on current projections for 2020/21. Our objectives are to ensure full delivery of agreed margin and smooth delivery as much as possible.[**Read more about the July 2021 Category M price announcement**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c9e09382ea&e=d19e9fd41c) COVID-19 test distribution service updates due later in summerContractors will be aware that the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service (Pharmacy Collect) [**service specification**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=93694fdc3c&e=d19e9fd41c) states that a review of the service will be undertaken at the end of **June 2021**. The review is underway, and work has begun on some changes that will be introduced later in the summer. Information on the changes will be communicated to pharmacy contractors as soon as possible.[**Learn more about the review and planned updates**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5dbb50ec24&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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