

Dear Colleague

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DRUG TARIFF PART 7 DISPENSING POOL PAYMENT AND COMMUNITY PHARMACY SUSTAINABILITY PAYMENT

Purpose

1. This circular advises of changes to the Drug Tariff with respect to remuneration arrangements for the dispensing pool month of September 2022.
2. This payment adjustment is required to regulate the delivery of the remuneration Global Sum for 2022/23.

Detail

3. A change in the Drug Tariff in respect of the month of September 2022 will be made via a **dispensing pool balancing payment**.
4. An adjusted dispensing pool sustainability payment is introduced for the dispensing month September 2022 (paid November) only. The additional payment to each eligible contractor is calculated as **43.8%** of the base dispensing pool payment for September 2022 – or where it applies, the minimum monthly payment. This will be shown and paid as 'DP_Balance' adjustment with the November payment schedules.
5. In addition, all community pharmacy contractors shall receive a '*community pharmacy sustainability payment*' of £1,000 for September. This will also be paid with November payment schedules.
6. Eligibility for the dispensing payment is to be on the pharmaceutical list on 1 September 2022 and have a calculated based dispensing payment for that month.

Consultation

7. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the Drug Tariff amendments and the contents of this circular.

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Addresses

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Action

8. NHS Boards are asked to:

- note the contents of this circular;
- copy this circular to all community pharmacy contractors on their pharmaceutical lists, Health and Social Care Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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