

In a nutshell

After September's end of month process is finished, you won't need to remember to fill out and send away the **Public Health Service (EHC)** claim form ever again! Thanks to our colleagues at NSS claiming the service fee for providing the "morning after" pill will now be done for you automatically based on your UCF claims – result!

Please note that this does mean that **you will not be paid** for any claims sent in on the Public Health Service (EHC) paper claim form from October onwards.

The detail

- All pharmacies in Scotland are now Universal Claim Framework (UCF) enabled.
- As well as making your day-to-day processes quicker and slicker, this means that Practitioner Services Department (PSD) can do a virtual count of the claims for Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal submitted via the EHC module on UCF.
- PSD will pay each pharmacy the £30 agreed service fee for each UCF claim submitted, as well as reimbursing the item cost.
- This makes the PHS (EHC) claim form obsolete – you will no longer need to use these as part of your end of month process and PSD will not pay claims submitted on the form.
 - NB – although there is no need from a payment perspective to keep a tally of EHC consultations, your business may still require you to do this for internal audit purposes.
- In the event that the UCF system fails temporarily, as with other UCF-enabled services you should contact the ePharmacy helpdesk on:
0131 275 6600
- Should the ePharmacy helpdesk be unavailable at the time the system fails, you should use a CPUS form and contact the helpdesk as soon as is possible.
- This circular also details some upcoming changes to the suite of English FP10 forms for your information.