

Dear Colleague

**COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES: DRUG TARIFF
PART 7 REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR
2009-10**

Summary

1. This Circular advises of an amendment to Pt 7 reimbursement arrangements for community pharmacy contractors providing pharmaceutical services as included in the Drug Tariff to apply for dispensings 1 November 2009 onwards.

Background

2. NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)18](#) advised of amendments to the Drug Tariff in respect of amongst other things Pt 7 reimbursement arrangements for community pharmacy contractors with a new clawback rate of **6.94%** for dispensings 1 October 2009 onwards. This rate was provisional, pending agreement with Community Pharmacy Scotland on analysis of the composite effect of October 2009 Tariff changes and recent pricing enquiries on the agreed funding settlement for 2009-10. Agreement has now been reached with Community Pharmacy Scotland on revised clawback rates for Pt 7 drugs to be effective for dispensings 1 November 2009 onwards as detailed in paragraph 3 below.

Resetting of Drug Tariff Pt 7 discount clawback rate

3. As provided for under the 2009-10 Global Sum and reimbursement arrangements with Community Pharmacy Scotland on the Global Sum with effect for dispensings 1 November -30 November 2009 the discount clawback rate for Pt 7 items is reset to **5.62%** and for dispensings 1 December 2009 onwards is reset to **6.28%**.
4. As advised in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\) \(2009\)18](#), the clawback rate will be subject to ongoing review in the light of progress against the community pharmacy efficient Purchasing and Prescribing Programme (ePPP) targets set for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

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Drug Tariff Amendment

5. The Drug Tariff has been amended giving effect to the amendment advised by this Circular and Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the Circular contents.

Action

6. **NHS Boards are asked to bring this Circular to the attention of community pharmacy contractors, local pharmacy committees, and Community Health Partnerships.**

Yours sincerely

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