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**COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES: DRUG TARIFF
REMUNERATION AND PT 7 AND PART 11
REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2009-10**

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Summary

1. This Circular advises of remuneration and Tariff Pt 7 and Pt 11 reimbursement arrangements for community pharmacy contractors providing pharmaceutical services as included in the Drug Tariff to apply for the year 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

For information

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Background

2. NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2008\)13](#) detailed amendments to the Drug Tariff to provide ongoing transitional arrangements for community pharmacy remuneration for 2008-2009.
3. A settlement has now been agreed with Community Pharmacy Scotland on the Global Sum, and associated temporary support package for contractors for 2009-10.

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Summary of 2009-10 Remuneration and Reimbursement Arrangements

4. NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)7](#) advised of the provisional arrangements for remuneration 1 April 2009 onwards included in the Drug Tariff. This Circular advises of updated arrangements now included in the Drug Tariff.

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5. The detail of the revised remuneration and reimbursement arrangements are set out in the attached Appendix but in summary the key points are as follows.

- In broad terms the 2008-2009 transitional payment regime is being rolled forward, based on dispensing activity over the period 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2008.

- Base transitional payments in place at 31 March 2009 are being uplifted by **1.56%** effective 1 April 2009, and where appropriate adjusted to reflect the results of the Material Change of Circumstance outcomes for 2007-8.
- Those contractors previously outside the transitional regime but who have been continuously on the list prior to 1 December 2004 will transfer to the transitional regime with effect from 1 October 2009. All other contractors outside the transitional regime will continue to be paid in accordance with the shadow fees and allowances and associated uplifts at the rates ruling at 31 March 2009. They will continue to benefit from growth in prescription volume.
- The Material Change of Circumstance arrangements will run for a further year, using the same upper and lower thresholds and calculated by comparing outturn for the period 1 December 2008 – 30 November 2009 with the immediately preceding 12 month period.
- The existing New Contract Preparation Payments (CPP) Programme will be replaced by a Quality Evaluation and Development (QED) Programme details of which will be promulgated separately.
- The following payments continue at either 2008-9 rates or as previously separately advised-
 - commission on the sale of pre-payment certificates
 - The on-cost allowance payable for GP10A stock orders remains at 17.5%.
 - Influenza and pneumococcal vaccine payments for the 2009-10 season (as advised in Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2008\)23](#) and [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)15](#)).
 - Infrastructure support payment rates (as advised in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)9](#)).
 - Payments for model schemes covering the frail elderly, and severe and enduring mental illness .
 - Unscheduled Care support payments.
- Revised payment arrangements as detailed in the Appendix are introduced for the Minor Ailment Service.
- Remuneration arrangements for the provision of the three PHS patient service programmes for smoking cessation, emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) and Chlamydia (advice, testing and treatment) are amended with effect from 1 October 2009 as detailed in the Appendix.
- A revised reimbursement clawback scale for proprietary drugs to replace that at Part 11 of the Drug Tariff reducing the target clawback rate from **9.117%** to **6.69%** takes effect for dispensings 1 October 2009 onwards.

- A revised overall clawback rate for Pt 7 items of **6.94%** comes into effect from dispensings 1 October 2009 onwards. This revised level incorporates a balancing increase to compensate for the simultaneous change in the proprietary clawback rate, discontinues the **1.85%** temporary abatement introduced at 1 April 2008 and the further reduction of **10.4%** which took effect from 1 October 2008, and compensates for non Scotland specific factors applied in the determination of DH Category M prices for October 2009 and on which Scottish Drug Tariff Pt 7 items are based.
- A new efficient Purchasing and Prescribing Programme (ePPP) is introduced with effect from 1 April 2009. Under the terms of this programme community pharmacy contractors are allowed to retain an agreed level of the purchase profit which they make when purchasing drugs they then dispense on behalf of the NHS, with the balance of the saving achieved by virtue of contractors' purchasing activities being retained by NHS Boards. The agreed level of contractor retained profit for 2009-10 is **£64m** plus a formula share of actual profits achieved above that level. The Pt 7 clawback rate will be subject to review and if appropriate adjustment will be made at intervals to ensure that the agreed level of purchase profit for community pharmacy contractors is retained by them and that NHS Boards retain their agreed share. This process will be informed by the evidence available from periodic pricing enquiries conducted to establish the levels of purchase profit being achieved by community pharmacy contractors. Boards and contractors will be advised by Circular of progress in delivering ePPP targets.
- Arrangements in respect of supplementary and independent prescribing clinics are extended with a total of £1m being available for the period 1 April 2009- 31 March 2010.

Drug Tariff Amendment

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

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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APPENDIX

COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES: REMUNERATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2009-10

Purpose

1. This Appendix and supporting Annexes advise of the remuneration arrangements for community pharmacies in 2009-10.

Transitional Payments

2. In broad terms the framework established for the 2006-7, 2007-8 and 2008-9 transitional payment regime is being rolled forward in anticipation of completion of roll out of the Chronic Medication Service during 2010-11.

3. **With effect from 1 April 2009** remuneration payments to contractors will be amended as follows by reference to practitioner groups as listed in paragraph 7 of Circular PCA(P)(2004) 9.

Categories I, II and III

- I. Those who were on the list continuously between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004 in their own right.
 - II. Those who were on the list continuously between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004 either in their own right or in the name of a contractor which they have taken over.
 - III. Those who were also on the list at 31 March 2004 and had been so continuously since 1 October 2003 at the latest but not since 1 April 2003.
4. For contractors in categories I, II and III, the base transitional payment in place at 31 March 2009 will be subject to adjustment as follows:

Application of a factor to represent the change in annual aggregate dispensed prescription volume plus instalments dispensed over the period 1 December 2007 - 30 November 2008, by reference to the immediately preceding 12 month period: and **a general uplift of 1.56%** in accordance with the agreed settlement for 2009-10.

Category IV

- a. Those who entered the list after 2 October 2003 and before 1 December 2004.
- b. Those who entered the list on or after 1 December 2004 or who have made a formal election to be treated under this category instead of category I, II, III as permitted by paragraphs 9, 11 and 13 of the 2004 Circular.

5. i. Category **IV a** contractors will transfer to transition with effect from 1 October 2009. The base transitional payment for these contractors will be calculated as the aggregate of the shadow fees and allowances paid during 2008-9, increased by the **3.94%** general uplift for 2008-9, adjusted by application of a factor to represent the change in annual in aggregate dispensed prescription volume plus instalments dispensed over the period 1 December 2007 - 30 November 2008, by reference to the immediately preceding 12 month period, and subject to a general uplift payment equivalent to **1.56%** of the aggregate of payments.

ii. For Category **IV b** contractors, payments will continue to be in accordance with the shadow fees and allowances in force at 31 March 2009 plus the general uplift payment equivalent of 3.94% for 2008-9. No further general uplift for Category **IV b** contractors will be payable for 2009-10 as contractors in category **IV** are deemed to also benefit from inherent volume growth.

In accordance with HDL(2005)54 and (2006)15, dispensing fees will not be payable in respect of stoma appliances. The shadow fees and allowance scale for 2009-10 is detailed at **Annex A** to this Circular.

Category V

- ESP contractors in receipt of the ESP allowance at any time between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004.

6. For category **V** contractors, the base transitional payment in place at 31 March 2009 including the **general uplift of 6.94%** for 2008-9 will be subject to a further general uplift payment of **1.56%** in accordance with the agreed settlement for 2009-10. These contractors will also have the option of being reclassified as Category **IVb** provided that option is exercised by notification to PSD by 16th October 2009.

Category VI

- ESP contractors not in receipt of the ESP allowance at any time between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004.

7. For category **VI** contractors, the base transitional payment in place at 31 March 2009 including the general uplift for 2008-9 will be subject to adjustment as follows:

Application of an upwards only factor to represent the annual growth in aggregate dispensed prescription volume plus instalments dispensed over the period 1 December 2007 - 30 November 2008, by reference to the immediately preceding 12 month period.

General uplift of 1.56% in accordance with the agreed settlement for 2009-10.

Category VII

- ESP contractors in receipt of the ESP allowance not covered by Category **V**.

8. For Category **VII** contractors, payments will generally be in accordance with the arrangements for Category **IV b** above but with a revised ESP payment scale as detailed below with the target minimum income payment, and the reduced target payments for less than 30 hours opening, adjusted to achieve the **general uplift of 1.56%** in accordance with the agreed settlement for 2009-10.

9. From 1 April 2009 the target monthly income for full time ESPs will be **£3908**, for part-time ESPs will be **£3320** (open 15-20 hours per week), **£3515** (open 20-25 hours per week) **£3709** (open 25-30 hours per week). The reference payment is also increased by **1.56%**.

Arrangements for contractors added to the list 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010

10. Where a new contractor is added to the list 1 April 2009 onwards, they will be invited by NHS NSS to confirm whether they are a totally new contractor or whether they are taking over a contractor subject to the transitional arrangements. The default is they will then fall to be classified as category IV b or, if an ESP, as category VII; but where they have taken over an existing contractor subject to transition and who falls in one of the other Categories, the new contractor will be treated as falling into the category of the old contractor, and will inherit the relevant base transitional payments and uplifts.

Contractors in exceptional circumstances during 2008-9, 2007-8 or 2006-7

11. Where a contractor has been subject to specific exceptional circumstances resulting in an interruption of business operation, i.e. due to fire, flood, or where due to unplanned external events the premises are rendered unfit for trade, the transitional payment in place at 31 March 2009 including the general uplift for 2008-9 will continue in force subject only to the general uplift of 1.56% for 2009-10.

National payments not included within transitional payments

12. The payments outlined above for all except Category IVb replace all nationally set payments listed in the Drug Tariff except for the following that are detailed from paragraph 19 onwards:

- new quality evaluation and development payments (QEDs);
- payments in respect of pre-payment certificate commission;
- stock order on costs;
- flu and pneumococcal vaccine dispensing fees;
- MAS, PH and IS fees;
- a fixed transitional payment for the schemes covering frail elderly and severe and enduring mental illness, which will be paid to all contractors;
- rolled forward national unscheduled care support payments; and
- all fees for services outside PS/PCS, such as stoma appliance dispensing fees.

Local schemes

13. All other local schemes, i.e. methadone, needle exchange, advice to nursing homes, palliative care model schemes and oxygen services are additional payments and will continue in accordance with rates set by the NHS Board concerned.

Notification of Transitional Amounts and payment timings

14. a. All contractors in Categories I, II, III, V & VI along with contractors who are reclassified into Category IVa will be notified by NSS ISD during September/October 2009 of the specific base transitional payment that will be paid to them during 2009-10. At the same time, Category V contractors will receive a projection of what they might expect to

receive at current levels of dispensing if they were to exercise their option to switch to Category IVb.

b. Back payments of the general uplift to transitional payments applicable for contractors in Categories I, II, III, V, VI and VII in respect of April –September 2009 dispensings will be made with October dispensing payments paid in December.

c. The adjustments to the discount clawback rates for both proprietary and Pt 7 items will be effected for October dispensings paid December.

d. The first payments in accordance with the amendments advised in this Circular will be effected for October dispensings paid December.

Material changes of circumstance

15. The transitional remuneration arrangements in paragraphs 2-14 have been set on the basis that there is no material change in a contractor's activity levels during the coming year. In particular the assumption is that for each contractor the rate of growth in items that would in the past have attracted either the standard dispensing fee or instalment dispensing fee lies between 2 thresholds of +9.95% and -2%, measured on an annual basis.

16. Accordingly an adjustment scheme will provide an uplift for contractors with materially high rates of growth in volume, i.e. above the 9.95% growth figure, and a clawback from contractors with a material reduction in volume, i.e. below the annual negative growth of 2% threshold. The adjustments will be calculated by comparing outturn for the period 1 December 2008 – 30 November 2009 with the immediately preceding 12 month period, and will be applied retrospectively to the final aggregate of transitional remuneration payments for the full period 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010. This adjusting mechanism is intended to have an overall cash neutral effect on the global sum.

17. The actual adjustment for each contractor will be calculated as the percentage by which the annual rate of growth exceeds or undershoots the relevant threshold multiplied by the transitional payment for the full period of transition. Thus a contractor who would have seen an annual growth of 12% in standard dispensing fees would receive a retrospective uplift of 2.05% of their total transitional payments for the 12 month control period, and a contractor who would have seen an effective annual fall of 4% would be subject to a clawback of 2% of their total transitional payments for the 12 month control period.

18. These adjustments will apply to contractors in Categories I, II, III, IV a, V and VI only, and will be effected at the end of financial year 2009-10. For Category V & VI, the adjustment will be upwards only. NHS NSS will monitor contractors' progress after 6 months with respect to these potential adjustments and will advise contractors whose trends suggest they may fall within the terms of these adjustments.

NATIONALLY SET PAYMENTS OUTWITH TRANSITION

New Quality Evaluation and Development Payments (QEDs)

19. A new programme of Quality Evaluation and Development Payments to replace the contract preparation payments (CPP) programme has been agreed in principle for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2011. Further details will follow in due course.

Payments in respect of pre-payment certificate commission

20. The payment regime for pre-payment certificate commission is unchanged from that in force at 31 March 2009 i.e. a flat rate of £7.40 for 12 month certificates and £2.70 for 4 month certificates.

Stock order on costs

21. The on-cost allowance payable for items (except for flu and pneumococcal vaccines) ordered by general medical practitioners on Form GP10A is 17.5% of the net ingredient cost of the items concerned calculated in accordance with paragraph 16 of Part 1 of the Drug Tariff.

Flu and pneumococcal vaccine dispensing fees

22. These are detailed in NHS Circulars [PCA\(P\)\(2008\)23](#) and [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)15](#).

Minor Ailment Service (MAS) - Availability for service payment

23. The arrangements for paying for MAS have now been reviewed. The Directions and Service Specifications remain as advised in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2008\)17](#). Current remuneration arrangements were established to ensure predictability of contractor income. Now that registration rates have stabilised it is considered appropriate to move to a regime whereby contractors are remunerated according to the numbers of patients which they have registered for MAS for the month in question with no underpinning income guarantee. It has also been decided to extend the number of payment bands to 6. Accordingly with respect to dispensing months October 2009 onwards contractors with whom the NHS Board has made an arrangement for the provision of MAS will be paid according to the following revised tiered payments related to the number of registered patients for the dispensing month concerned:

Band	Number of Registrations	Annual Payment	Monthly Payment
1	1-250	£7,300.92	£608.41
2	251-500	£9,253.92	£771.16
3	501-750	£11,208	£934.00
4	751-1000	£13,218	£1,101.50
5	1001-1250	£15,228	£1,269.00
6	>1250	£15,228 +£8.04 per patient above the threshold	£1,269.00 + £0.67 per patient above the threshold

***Public Health Service (PHS)-
Core Element- Availability for service payment***

24. All contractors with whom the NHS Board has made an arrangement for the provision of the Public Health Service (PHS) will continue to receive a single tier monthly availability for service payment of **£750** (annual equivalent of **£9,000**).

Patient Services elements of PHS (Smoking Cessation and Sexual Health)

25. All contractors with whom the NHS Board has made an arrangement for the provision of the Public Health Service (PHS) will continue to receive monthly availability for service payments and capitation payments for all patients receiving treatment at the rates and on the conditions detailed in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2008\)17](#) except that the one off readiness and administration payment and the previous pool arrangements for the determination of smoking cessation capitation rates are discontinued for 2009-10. The Directions and Service Specifications remain unchanged. The remaining rates of payment remain as:

-Monthly availability for service payment- PHS Smoking Cessation- **£60** (annual equivalent **£720**)

-Monthly availability for service payment- PHS Chlamydia Services- **£40** (annual equivalent **£480**)

-Capitation payment of **£25** per patient reported by the contractor as receiving PHS smoking cessation treatment (n.b. the fixed monthly pool arrangement is discontinued with effect from 1 October 2009)

-Capitation payment of **£25** per patient reported by the contractor as receiving PHS EHC treatment

-Capitation payment of **£25** per patient reported by the contractor as receiving Chlamydia treatment

MAS & PHS payments to part time ESPs

26. For part time ESPs, MAS and PHS core and patient service elements-availability for service and capitation payments- these will be made in the following proportions of the payment levels quoted above:

For contractors open for 5 hrs or more but less than 10 hrs per week	60% of above rates.
For contractors open for 10 hrs or more but less than 15 hrs per week	75% of above rates.
For contractors open for 15 hrs or more but less than 20 hrs per week	85% of above rates.
For contractors open for 20 hrs or more but less than 25 hrs per week	90% of above rates.
For contractors open for 25 hrs or more but less than 30 hrs per week	95% of above rates.

Infrastructure Support (IS)

27. Contractors will continue to be paid Infrastructure Support (IS) payments as detailed in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)9](#) on the terms and conditions detailed in that Circular. In summary those payments are:

- Recurring standard rate for all contractors- **£100** monthly (£1,200 annually)
- Recurring system support payment for eAMS- **£100** monthly (£1,200 annually)
- Non-recurring one off installation incentive payment for eCMS - **£250**
- Recurring system support payment for eCMS functionality- **£100** monthly (£1,200 annually)
- eClaim supplement payments- first 500 forms:**£0.05** per form i.e. maximum of **£25** per month- all forms thereafter **£0.02** per form with no upper payment limit

28. For part time ESPs eClaim supplement payments under paragraph 27 will be paid in full and all other payments under paragraph 27 will be made in the following proportion:

For contractors open for 5 hrs or more but less than 10 hrs per week	60% of above rates.
For contractors open for 10 hrs or more but less than 15 hrs per week	75% of above rates.
For contractors open for 15 hrs or more but less than 20 hrs per week	85% of above rates.
For contractors open for 20 hrs or more but less than 25 hrs per week	90% of above rates.
For contractors open for 25 hrs or more but less than 30 hrs per week	95% of above rates.

Transitional payment for model schemes covering frail elderly and severe and enduring mental illness

29. A fixed payment of £100 will be made monthly in respect of model schemes for the frail elderly and severe and enduring mental illness.

30. For part time ESPs this payment will be made in the following proportion:

For contractors open for 5 hrs or more but less than 10 hrs per week	60% of above rates.
For contractors open for 10 hrs or more but less than 15 hrs per week	75% of above rates.
For contractors open for 15 hrs or more but less than 20 hrs per week	85% of above rates.
For contractors open for 20 hrs or more but less than 25 hrs per week	90% of above rates.
For contractors open for 25 hrs or more but less than 30 hrs per week	95% of above rates.

Unscheduled care support payments

31. Unscheduled care support payments for the period 1 April 2009-31 March 2010 will continue at the same rates and on the same terms as detailed in [PCA\(P\)\(2007\)10](#) which laid out arrangements for 2007-8.

32. Payments in accordance with the rates specified in the Table below will be made monthly to contractors who are included on their Health Board's pharmaceutical list as at the 1st of each month from April 2009 to March 2010.

	Annual Rate £	Monthly Rate £
Contractors open more than 30 hours	1,260	105.00
Open 25-30 hours per week	1,197	99.75
Open 20 hours or more & less than 25 hours	1,134	94.50
Open 15 hours or more & less than 20 hours	1,071	89.25
Open 10 hours or more & less than 15 hours	945	78.75
Open 5 hours or more & less than 10 hours	756	63.00

Applicable dates for eligibility for payment of transitional payments, MAS and PHS availability for service payments

33. Transitional payments will be paid to the contractor listed on the first day of the month.

34. The appropriate PHS allowance(s) will be paid to the contractor listed on the first day of the month.

35. The appropriate level of MAS allowance payable to a listed contractor for a particular month will be paid to the contractor listed on the last day of that month and, subject to the monthly minimum payment arrangements set out in paragraph 24 above, will be based on the number of patients registered on the last date of that month.

36. Where a contractor is taken over by another during the period of transition other than on the first day of the month, the incoming contractor will not be due for transitional or PHS payments until the start of the following month, but will be eligible for MAS payments for that month.

37. Where a contractor is removed from the list during a month and there is no successor contractor, PSD may recover from the contractor those fees paid at the outset of the month relating to transition, PHS in respect of and in proportion to the period for which services were not provided.

Supplementary conditions relating to MAS and PHS availability for service payments and IS payments

39. MAS and PHS availability for service payments will be made subject to the observance by contractors relating to these services which are from time to time in force promulgated by Circular.

Reimbursement- Resetting of Drug Tariff Pt 7 discount clawback rate

40. As provided for under the negotiations with Community Pharmacy Scotland on the Global Sum and reimbursement arrangements for 2009-10 with effect from dispensings 1 October 2009 onwards the discount clawback rate for Pt 7 items will be reset to **6.94 %**.

Revision of Drug Tariff Pt 11 Net Ingredient Cost Scale for Pharmacist Contractors

41. As provided for under the negotiations with Community Pharmacy Scotland on the Global Sum and reimbursement arrangements for 2009-10 a revised net ingredient cost scale as detailed in the Annex to this Circular is being introduced reducing the target average clawback from **9.117** to **6.69%** with effect from dispensings 1 October 2009 onwards.

Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics

42. The arrangements relating to the provision of supplementary and independent prescribing clinics detailed in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2008\)10](#) and extended in NHS Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2009\)7](#) are further extended until 31 March 2010 but subject to a maximum of commitments of £1,000,000 for the period 1 April 2009- 31 March 2010.

Funding Arrangements

43. All the centrally determined remuneration payments identified in this Circular are met from the centrally held Pharmaceutical Services line.

FEES AND ALLOWANCES FOR CONTRACTORS IN CATEGORY IV b

In addition to the payment of ingredient costs, the on-cost allowances and the dispensing fees will be paid at the rates shown in the table below. These dispensing fees are not payable on prescriptions for oxygen or oxygen equipment.

Fee per Prescription in pence

The following fees are applicable from 1st April 2005, with reference to circulars PCS (P) (2002) 4 & PCA (P) (2003) 3.

All medicaments (including proprietary products) not requiring extemporaneous preparations and all liquids for internal and external use prepared by addition of water or by simple dilution for extemporaneous dispensing (this fee does not apply to Schedule 2 CDs).

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| a. Standard fee payable per prescription (from 1/10/2002). | 91.7 |
| b. Second and subsequent dispensing of a prescription | 65 |

An additional on cost allowance of 15% is payable when the measuring and fitting of elastic hosiery or trusses has been carried out by a pharmacist, and the prescription endorsed 'measured and fitted'.

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| All medicaments requiring extemporaneous dispensing | | |
| a. All liquids for internal and external use prepared to a special formula, e.g. mixtures, lotions, nasal drops | | 330 |
| b. Ointments, creams, pastes prepared by dilution or admixture of standard or proprietary ointments, creams or pastes | | |
| Quantity (a) not exceeding 200g | | 275 |
| (b) 201g-500g | | 550 |
| (Over 500g- 550p per 500g or part thereof) | | |
| c. Ointments, creams, pastes prepared to a special formula | | |
| Quantity (a) not exceeding 200g | | 562 |
| (b) 201g-500g | | 1125 |
| (over 500g- 1125p per 500g or part thereof) | | |
| d. Special formula bulk powders | | 550 |
| e. Individual powders, capsules, etc.: for first 10 (and 22p per powder, capsule etc. thereafter) | | 225 |
| f. Liquids prepared by aseptic technique, e.g. eye drops | | 1000 |
| g. Liquids prepared by a BP sterilisation process | | 1116 |
| h. Dispensing of "specials" | | |

Where a pharmacist contractor for some reason cannot dispense the prescription extemporaneously or elects to have it made up as a "special", the pharmacist contractor must provide to Practitioner Services Division (PSD) the reasons why a "special" was necessary. In any doubtful cases PSD, before pricing, may refer matters to the Health Board to ascertain if the additional costs involved through use of a "special" were necessarily incurred and were reasonable. Only in circumstances where the Health Board satisfied that the use of a "special" was necessary, will the invoiced "special" price be reimbursed and the dispensing fee at section 1 of the table above be paid. In other cases, payment of ingredient costs and dispensing fees will be made on the basis that the prescription had been dispensed extemporaneously.

i. Plastic Measuring Spoon 5ml and Oral Syringes 5ml

A plastic measuring spoon which shall comply with BS 3221: Part 6: 1983 shall be provided with every liquid oral medicine which has a dose of 5ml or whole multiples of 5ml except in the case where a manufacturers pack contains one. When the dose of an oral liquid medicine is not 5ml or whole multiples of 5ml, and the pack does not already contain a suitable measuring device, a 5ml plastic oral syringe wrapped together with a bottle adapter and instruction leaflet shall be provided. The oral syringe shall comply with BS 3221: Part 7: 1986 or an equivalent European Standard.

<u>Appliances:</u>	<u>Fee per Prescription</u>
a. All appliances except for ostomy/urinary equipment	(p) 15
b. Urinary equipment (Incontinence products & Urinary catheters)	120

All prescriptions for Schedule 2 CDs, except for those which are extemporaneously dispensed and attract the higher extemporaneous dispensing fee, will attract a dispensing fee of 175

PROFESSIONAL ALLOWANCE

NHS Circular PCS(P)(1993)1 introduced the professional allowance with effect from 1 May 1992. The allowance is payable to those pharmacist contractors dispensing 1,135 prescriptions or more per month and where other services are provided.

The professional allowance is payable at the following rates:

- Contractors dispensing 3,040 prescription and over per month will be paid £1,575 per month (£18,900 per annum)
- Contractors dispensing 1,135-3,040 prescriptions will be paid £575 plus £1,000 pro rata to the number of prescriptions up to 3,040 per month

ANNEX

DRUG TARIFF PART 11 EFFECTIVE FOR DISPENSINGS 1 OCTOBER 2009 ONWARDS

Monthly Gross Ingredient Cost £

Ingredient value		
From	To	
£0	£2,750	0.00%
£2,750	£3,000	0.48%
£3,000	£3,250	1.02%
£3,250	£3,500	1.47%
£3,500	£3,750	1.86%
£3,750	£4,000	2.20%
£4,000	£4,250	2.50%
£4,250	£4,500	2.77%
£4,500	£4,750	3.01%
£4,750	£5,000	3.22%
£5,000	£5,250	3.41%
£5,250	£5,500	3.58%
£5,500	£5,750	3.74%
£5,750	£6,000	3.89%
£6,000	£6,250	4.02%
£6,250	£6,500	4.14%
£6,500	£6,750	4.26%
£6,750	£7,000	4.36%
£7,000	£7,250	4.46%
£7,250	£7,500	4.55%
£7,500	£7,750	4.64%
£7,750	£8,000	4.72%
£8,000	£8,250	4.79%
£8,250	£8,500	4.86%
£8,500	£8,750	4.93%
£8,750	£9,000	4.99%
£9,000	£9,250	5.05%
£9,250	£9,500	5.10%
£9,500	£9,750	5.16%
£9,750	£10,000	5.21%
£10,000	£10,250	5.26%
£10,250	£10,500	5.30%
£10,500	£10,750	5.34%
£10,750	£11,000	5.39%
£11,000	£11,250	5.43%
£11,250	£11,500	5.46%
£11,500	£11,750	5.50%
£11,750	£12,000	5.53%

£12,000	£12,250	5.57%
£12,250	£12,500	5.60%
£12,500	£12,750	5.63%
£12,750	£13,000	5.66%
£13,000	£13,250	5.69%
£13,250	£13,500	5.72%
£13,500	£13,750	5.74%
£13,750	£14,000	5.77%
£14,000	£14,250	5.79%
£14,250	£14,500	5.81%
£14,500	£14,750	5.84%
£14,750	£15,000	5.86%
£15,000	£15,250	5.88%
£15,250	£15,500	5.90%
£15,500	£15,750	5.92%
£15,750	£16,000	5.94%
£16,000	£16,250	5.96%
£16,250	£16,500	5.98%
£16,500	£16,750	6.00%
£16,750	£17,000	6.01%
£17,000	£17,250	6.03%
£17,250	£17,500	6.05%
£17,500	£17,750	6.06%
£17,750	£18,000	6.08%
£18,000	£18,250	6.09%
£18,250	£18,500	6.11%
£18,500	£18,750	6.12%
£18,750	£19,000	6.13%
£19,000	£19,250	6.15%
£19,250	£19,500	6.16%
£19,500	£19,750	6.17%
£19,750	£20,000	6.18%
£20,000	£20,250	6.20%
£20,250	£20,500	6.21%
£20,500	£20,750	6.22%
£20,750	£21,000	6.23%
£21,000	£21,250	6.24%
£21,250	£21,500	6.25%
£21,500	£21,750	6.26%
£21,750	£22,000	6.27%

£22,000	£22,250	6.28%
£22,250	£22,500	6.29%
£22,500	£22,750	6.30%
£22,750	£23,000	6.31%
£23,000	£23,250	6.32%
£23,250	£23,500	6.33%
£23,500	£23,750	6.34%
£23,750	£24,250	6.35%
£24,250	£24,500	6.36%
£24,500	£24,750	6.37%
£24,750	£25,000	6.38%
£25,000	£25,500	6.39%
£25,500	£25,750	6.40%
£25,750	£26,250	6.41%
£26,250	£26,500	6.42%
£26,500	£27,000	6.43%
£27,000	£27,250	6.44%
£27,250	£27,750	6.45%
£27,750	£28,000	6.46%
£28,000	£28,500	6.47%
£28,500	£29,000	6.48%
£29,000	£29,250	6.49%
£29,250	£29,750	6.50%
£29,750	£30,250	6.51%
£30,250	£30,750	6.52%
£30,750	£31,250	6.53%
£31,250	£31,750	6.54%
£31,750	£32,250	6.55%
£32,250	£33,000	6.56%
£33,000	£33,500	6.57%
£33,500	£34,000	6.58%
£34,000	£34,750	6.59%
£34,750	£35,250	6.60%
£35,250	£36,000	6.61%
£36,000	£36,750	6.62%
£36,750	£37,500	6.63%
£37,500	£38,000	6.64%
£38,000	£39,000	6.65%
£39,000	£39,750	6.66%
£39,750	£40,500	6.67%
£40,500	£41,500	6.68%
£41,500	£42,250	6.69%
£42,250	£43,250	6.70%
£43,250	£44,250	6.71%
£44,250	£45,250	6.72%
£45,250	£46,500	6.73%
£46,500	£47,500	6.74%
£47,500	£48,750	6.75%

£48,750	£50,000	6.76%
£50,000	£51,500	6.77%
£51,500	£52,750	6.78%
£52,750	£54,250	6.79%
£54,250	£56,000	6.80%
£56,000	£57,500	6.81%
£57,500	£59,500	6.82%
£59,500	£61,250	6.83%
£61,250	£63,250	6.84%
£63,250	£65,500	6.85%
£65,500	£67,750	6.86%
£67,750	£70,250	6.87%
£70,250	£73,000	6.88%
£73,000	£75,750	6.89%
£75,750	£79,000	6.90%
£79,000	£82,500	6.91%
£82,500	£86,000	6.92%
£86,000	£90,250	6.93%
£90,250	£94,500	6.94%
£94,500	£99,500	6.95%
£99,500	£105,000	6.96%
£105,000	£111,000	6.97%
£111,000	£118,000	6.98%
£118,000	£125,500	6.99%
£125,500	£134,500	7.00%
£134,500	£144,500	7.01%
£144,500	£156,250	7.02%
£156,250	£170,250	7.03%
£170,250	£187,000	7.04%
£187,000	£207,000	7.05%
£207,000	£232,250	7.06%
£232,250	£264,250	7.07%
£264,250	or higher	7.08%