



Dear Colleague

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES AMENDMENTS TO DRUG TARIFF IN RESPECT OF REMUNERATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017

7 December 2017

Summary

1. This circular advises of changes in the Drug Tariff with respect of remuneration arrangements for the dispensing month October 2017, in particular the level of the dispensing pool balancing payment for that month only.

Background

2. In recognition of the need to support contractor cashflow a one off element of the 2017-18 Global Sum has been brought forward following discussions with Community Pharmacy Scotland.

Details

3. A change in the Drug Tariff in respect of the month of October dispensings, paid December, has now been made as follows;
4. A **dispensing pool balancing payment** is introduced for the dispensing month October 2017 only. The payment to each eligible contractor is calculated as **21%** of the **base dispensing pool payment** – or where it applies the alternative minimum monthly payment.
5. Eligibility for the payment is to be on the pharmaceutical list on 1 October 2017 and have a calculated base dispensing payment for that month.

Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

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6. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

Action

7. NHS Boards are asked to note the contents of this Circular and to copy to community pharmacy contractors and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee for information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose Marie Lacey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and
Deputy Director, Pharmacy & Medicines Division