

Dear Colleague

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DRUG TARIFF PART 7 DISPENSING POOL PAYMENT

Purpose

1. This circular advises of changes to the Drug Tariff with respect to remuneration arrangements for dispensing month March 2018, in particular the level of the dispensing pool balancing payment for that month.
2. This temporary payment adjustment is required to regulate the delivery of the remuneration Global Sum for 2017-18.

Background

3. A change in the Drug Tariff in respect of the month of March dispensing paid May has now been made as follows:

Detail

Balancing Dispensing Pool Payment and Reimbursement payment

4. A temporary **dispensing pool balancing payment** is introduced for the dispensing month March 2018 only. The payment to each eligible contractor is calculated as 3% of the base dispensing pool payment – or where it applies the alternative minimum monthly payment. This will be paid as “DP_Balance” adjustment.
5. Eligibility for the dispensing payment is to be on the pharmaceutical list on 1 March 2018 and have a calculated based dispensing payment for that month.

10 April 2018

Addresses

For action

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For information

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Consultation

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

Action

7. **NHS Boards are asked to:**

- **copy this circular to all community pharmacy contractors on their pharmaceutical lists, Health and Social Care Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Board.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rose Marie Parr', written in a cursive style.

Rose Marie Parr

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Deputy Director Pharmacy & Medicines Division