

Dear Colleague

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES AMENDMENTS TO DRUG TARIFF IN RESPECT OF REMUNERATION ARRANGEMENTS FROM 1 MARCH 2016

Summary

1. This Circular advises of changes in the Drug Tariff with respect to remuneration arrangements for dispensing month March 2016, in particular the level of the dispensing pool balancing payment for that month only.

Background

2. This temporary payment is required to regulate the delivery of the remuneration Global Sum for 2015-16.

Details

3. A change in the Drug Tariff in respect of the month of March dispensing has now been made as follows:
4. A temporary **dispensing pool balancing payment** is introduced for the dispensing month March 2016 only. The payment to each eligible contractor is calculated as **5%** 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 March 2016 and have a calculated base dispensing payment for that month.

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For action

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

Action

6. NHS Boards are asked to share a copy of this circular with all Community Pharmacy Contractors, Health and Social Care Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Board.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rose Marie Parr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Deputy Director Pharmacy & Medicines Division