



Dear Colleague

**PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES
AMENDMENT TO DRUG TARIFF
DISCOUNT CLAW BACK RATE PT 7 GENERIC DRUGS**

Summary

1. This Circular advises of arrangements in the Scottish Drug Tariff with respect to the discount clawback rate in respect of reimbursement for items listed at Pt 7 for dispensings from 1 September 2014 onwards for non ZD items.

Background

2. NHS Circular [\(PCA\) \(P\)\(2014\) 11](#) advised that the discount claw back rate in respect of reimbursement for non ZD items listed at Pt 7 of the Drug Tariff had been reset to zero for 3 months only with effect for dispensings from 1 June 2014. Claw back rates are reviewed quarterly in accordance with the provisions of the 2 year (2013-14 and 2014-15) settlement for community pharmacy funding.

Details

3. In the light of the most recent results of a regular review of market circumstances jointly conducted by the Scottish Government and Community Pharmacy Scotland, the clawback rate will remain at zero for the dispensing month of September 2014.

1 October 2014

Addresses

For action

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4. In due course a decision will be made in respect of the discount claw back rate which will apply, in respect of dispensings for the period October 2014 onwards, to continue the recovery of sums remaining due from contractors to Boards under the 2012-13 EPPP and the 2013-14 Margin Sharing Arrangements (MSA). Contractors should be aware that this is likely to require the setting of a new discount claw back, which will apply from October 2014 dispensings. Further advice on the level of clawback which will apply at that time will follow in due course.

7. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this amendment to the Drug Tariff.

Action

8. NHS Boards are asked to share a copy of this Circular with all Community Pharmacy Contractors, Community Health Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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