



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 October 2014 onwards for non ZD items.

Background

2. NHS Circular [\(PCA\) \(P\)\(2014\) 20](#) advised that the discount claw back rate in respect of reimbursement for non ZD items listed at Pt 7 of the Drug Tariff was to remain at zero for the dispensing month September 2014 and that further advice on the clawback rate to apply for dispensings from 1 October 2014, would be advised in due course. Claw back rates are reviewed regularly in accordance with the provisions of the 2 year (2013-14 and 2014-15) settlement for community pharmacy funding.

Details

3. The Drug Tariff has now been amended such that the clawback rate in respect of reimbursement of non ZD items in Pt 7 dispensed from 1 October 2014 is reset to **1.3%**.

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Addresses

For action

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4. It is currently intended that this rate should remain in place in respect of the 6 dispensing months October 2014- March 2015 inclusive, 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). The rate of clawback will however be kept under review and may be adjusted upwards or downwards should current circumstances change.

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 style with a large initial 'B'.

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