

NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service - re-registration process

The NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS - ongoing supply of oral contraception) was launched in April 2023 and your pharmacy registered to deliver this service via the MYS portal.

This service was expanded on 1 Dec 2023, to include initiation of oral contraception. All pharmacies that had previously registered for PCS, were required to declare that they agreed to the terms and scope of the expanded service, as set out in the Service Specification, via an 'opt in' process on the MYS portal. This was to confirm they would continue to deliver the ongoing supply of contraception as well as agreeing to provide initiation of contraception. Contractors were given a 3-month window to 'opt in', which ended at midnight on 29 February 2024. Contractors that did not make any declaration (i.e. did not 'opt in'), were automatically deregistered from the service at midnight on 29 February 2024.

From the point of deregistration, affected contractors are no longer able to provide the service and therefore, are not eligible to claim for fees or reimbursement of supplies associated with this service for any consultations conducted after 29 February 2024.

As your pharmacy did not 'opt in', it was automatically deregistered from the service.

NHS England understand that some pharmacies, wish to re-register to provide the service. This can normally only happen after a period of 3 months has elapsed. Whilst we were clear that automatic deregistration would take place, we did not, at the same time, provide information regarding the 3-month period before re-registration could occur.

We have therefore, agreed that in this scenario, pharmacies affected by this will be allowed to re-register for the service before the 3-month window ends.

This will only apply to pharmacies who registered for PCS between the dates of 24 April and 1 December 2023, who had not formally 'opted in' to the new service via the MYS portal before midnight on 29 February 2024, and who were subsequently automatically deregistered.

Contractors for whom this applies and that wish to re-register are required to contact NHSBSA at mys@nhsbsa.nhs.uk or on 0300 330 1368 who will process their request.