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Bundling and Advanced Services 05/06/2025

In this series of comms we will look at subjects pertaining to the new contract announced in April. This week we will look at 'Bundling' and the Advanced Services that are included.

Service bundling is the integration of the Pharmacy First Service, Hypertension Case-Finding Service and the Pharmacy Contraception Service into a single offering. Under the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) for 2024-25 & 2025-26, this approach is being implemented to enhance patient care and streamline service delivery with a phased introduction of bundling requirements. To qualify for the monthly Pharmacy First fixed payment, (£500 for 20-29 clinical pathway consultations or £1000 for 30+ clinical pathway consultations), contractors will also be required to meet the following criteria:

From 1 st June 2025	To be registered to provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and Pharmacy Contraception Service (requirement to provide the HCF is not applicable to Distance Selling Pharmacies).
From October 2025	To deliver at least one Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) provision per month. (not applicable to DSPs).
From March 2026	In addition to at least 1 ABPM per month, there will be a requirement to provide a specified number of contraception consultations each month (number yet to be confirmed).

NOTE:

To de-register from an advanced service listed in the Drug Tariff (Part VIC), a pharmacy owner must provide 30 days' notice via the MYS portal. Following de-registration, they cannot re-register for that service for **four months from the final day of their 30-day notice**. This means that if a pharmacy deregisters from any of the three services, they won't be eligible for bundling and therefore won't receive the Pharmacy First fixed payment for **at least 5 months**.



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A Summary of Recent Contract Changes

Pharmacy First

The contractual settlement for 2025/26 included some changes to the Pharmacy First Service which we have summarised below:

- **Consultation fee** – the consultation fee has increased to £17 for minor illness and clinical pathway consultations.
- **Monthly fixed Pharmacy First payments** – from **1st June 2025**, a new intermediary £500 monthly payment will be introduced for pharmacies who provide 20 – 29 clinical pathway consultations within a month (£1000 for 30 or more clinical pathway consultations). **IMPORTANT NOTE – consultations provided from 1st June 2025 must be claimed within one month from the end of the month in which they were provided, e.g. consultations provided in June will need to be claimed on MYS by the last day of July.**
- **New caps on the provision of clinical pathway consultations** – new monthly caps on clinical pathway consultations were introduced from April, which will be updated each month. Any activity above the monthly cap will not receive the £17 consultation fee, so we recommend that contractors check their cap on a monthly basis (the clinical pathway band assignments and monthly caps are published on the [NHS BSA](#) website).

Hypertension Case-Finding Service

The announcement of the [contractual settlement for 2025/26](#) included the following changes:

- To encourage delivery of ABPM, the fee has been recently increased to £50.85. Additionally, from 1st October 2025, as part of the “bundling” requirements for the monthly Pharmacy First payment, pharmacies will be required to **deliver at least one ABPM provision per month.**
- **Service fees from 1st April 2025**
 - **Clinic Check fee:** £10 per consultation (previously £15)
 - **ABPM fee:** £50.85 (previously £45)
- **New Service Specification is yet to be published**, and we will issue update with more information when it is available.



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Pharmacy Contraception Service

The announcement of the [contractual settlement for 2025/26](#) included the following changes:

- Consultation fees increase from £18 to £25 per consultation
- **Skill mix** - suitably trained and competent pharmacy technicians will be able to provide the service once changes to the service specification and the Secretary of State Directions are made.
- **Addition of Drospirenone** to be added to the PGD to enable the supply of this medicine.
- **Addition of Emergency Contraception to the service from** October 2025, subject to the introduction of IT updates at a fee of £25 per consultation.