

Date: 31st March 2026

Our Ref: Contractor Number

Dear Colleague

Concessionary Prices Temporary Special Advance Payment

The Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) has requested that each community pharmacy receives a top up of £2,000 to their concessionary prices temporary special advance.

The adjustment section of your March 2026 account (February 2026 prescription submission) will read as follows:

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| 126 | Special Advance Payment Temporary Adjustment | £2,000 |
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This increase is in acknowledgement of the concerns raised by contractors in relation to the cashflow pressures arising from current price fluctuations for a number of medicines, and in order to support the community pharmacy network

Taking this increase into account your pharmacies concessionary prices temporary special advance is now a total of £5,000. Please refer to your letter of the 31st October 2022 in respect of previous payment amendment. New contractors, after this date, will have receive a payment of £5,000 as part of their first account shown on the appropriate accounting adjustment schedule.

Please note if your contract ends with SPPG any special advance payment not previously recovered will be deducted from your last payment were funds allow for such recovery.

Please retain this letter for the attention of your accountant.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on Tel: (028) 9536 3846 or at gail.carland@hscni.net

Yours sincerely



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