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Dear Colleague

## **COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES: DRUG TARIFF PART 7 REIMBURSEMENT AMENDMENT TO Pt 7 DISCOUNT CLAWBACK RATE**

### **Summary**

1. This Circular advises of an amendment to Drug Tariff in respect of the Pt 7 clawback rate to apply for dispensings 1 October 2010 onwards.

### **Background**

2. NHS Circular PCA(P)(2009)17 advised of amendments to the Drug Tariff in respect of amongst other things a new Pt 7 clawback rate of **6.28%** for dispensings 1 December 2009 onwards. NHS Circular PCA(P)(2010)17 advised of a further amendment to the Drug Tariff in respect of a new Pt 7 clawback rate of **10.96%** for dispensings 1 June 2010 to 31 March 2011. As a consequence of changes to individual Pt 7 prices in the October 2010 Drug Tariff and implications for the Efficient Purchasing and Prescribing Programme for 2010-11, a further change has now been made to the Pt 7 clawback rate.

### **Detail-**

#### **Resetting of Drug Tariff Pt 7 discount clawback rate with effect from October 2010 dispensings**

3. The Drug Tariff has been amended with effect for dispensings for the month of October 2010 such that the discount clawback rate for Pt 7 items is reset to **4.68%**.
4. The clawback rate will be subject to ongoing review in the light of progress against the community pharmacy Efficient Purchasing and Prescribing Programme (ePPP) targets set for 2010-11 and progress in returning the appropriate amount to NHS Boards due for 2009-10 as outlined in NHS Circular PCA(P)(2010)17.

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## **Drug Tariff Amendment**

5. The Drug Tariff has been amended giving effect to the revised Pt 7 clawback rate advised by this Circular and Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the Circular contents.

## **Action**

6. **NHS Boards are asked to bring this Circular to the attention of community pharmacy contractors, local pharmacy committees, and Community Health Partnerships.**

Yours sincerely

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