PSNC is working to provide as much information and as many resources as possible to help community pharmacy teams to understand the details of the new Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) agreement as they are finalised in the ongoing negotiations.

This email is one of a series of recommended actions for community pharmacy contractors to help you to get ready for the introduction of all elements of the five-year CPCF. There is a lot to do and details will be coming out in stages, so this email series will help guide you through the process and highlight all of the resources and support available to you.

14. PQS: Make your Aspiration payment declaration

Community pharmacy contractors are now able to make a claim for an Aspiration payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2019/20 on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) Manage Your Service (MYS) application.

Contractors are only eligible for an Aspiration payment if they made a declaration at either or both 2018/19 Quality Payments Schemes (June 2018 and/or February 2019) and it can only be paid under the same ODS code as that used in 2018/19. The Aspiration payment is also optional; if contractors do not want to claim it, it will not impact on the contractor’s ability to claim a PQS payment in February 2020.

Contractors will need to decide which domains they intend to meet (when they make their declaration in February 2020) and declare this on the NHSBSA MYS application. The different domains and the quality criteria that contractors need to meet to be able to claim for each domain are listed in PSNC Briefing 041/19: The Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2019/20.

Contractors, who wish to claim for an Aspiration payment, must do so between 9am on 30th September 2019 and 11.59pm on 1st November 2019.

Contractors will be paid their Aspiration payment on 29th November 2019.

Not registered for MYS? Find out how to register on the MYS page on the PSNC website

Visit the Aspiration payment page on the PSNC website for further information

Previous editions of this email series can be found in our CPCF hub: psnc.org.uk/5yearCPCF