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Readers are no doubt aware of this quarter's bad news for primary care prescribing allocations: NHS England has changed the remuneration mechanism for community pharmacies gaining savings from reductions in the practice payment but at the expense of an increase in retained purchase profits funded by CCGs. Therefore there are significant increases in Category M prices.

- <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/dh-letter-mm-190914.pdf>
- <http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/psnc-announcement-community-pharmacy-funding-settlement-201415/>

As Category A prices fluctuate monthly, percentage changes shown for these lines are comparisons with September prices (not July). Certain significant changes have been highlighted.

Gastro-intestinal system (BNF Chapter 1)

<i>DT Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Price change</i>	<i>Percentage change</i>
BNF 1.3				
Esomeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	351	M	10	2.9%
Esomeprazole 40mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	439	M	42	10.6%
Lansoprazole 15mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	118	M	8	7.3%
Lansoprazole 15mg orodispersible tablets (28)	318	A	4	1.3%
Lansoprazole 30mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	167	M	18	12.1%
Lansoprazole 30mg orodispersible tablets (28)	566	A	1	0.2%
Omeprazole 10mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	125	M	8	6.8%
Omeprazole 10mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	124	M	9	7.8%
Omeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	711	M	49	7.4%
Omeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	118	M	7	6.3%
Omeprazole 40mg gastro-resistant capsules (7)	536	M	22	4.3%
Omeprazole 40mg gastro-resistant tablets (7)	121	M	11	10.0%
Pantoprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	157	M	13	9.0%
Pantoprazole 40mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	125	M	8	6.8%
Rabeprazole 10mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	255	M	45	21.4%
Rabeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	329	M	24	7.9%
Ranitidine 150mg effervescent tablets (60)	3042	A	73	2.5%
Ranitidine 150mg tablets (60)	176	M	-11	-5.9%
Ranitidine 300mg effervescent tablets (30)	3042	A	73	2.5%
Ranitidine 300mg tablets (30)	202	M	10	5.2%
Ranitidine 75mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (300ml)	775	M	55	7.6%

<i>DT Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Price change</i>	<i>Percentage change</i>
BNF 1.6				
Senna 7.5mg tablets (60)	712	M	-577	-44.8%

Others: Macrogol compound oral powder sachets NPF sugar free (30) rise 106p to £8.87 and mebeverine 135mg tablets up a further 5p to £15.69 (100).

Cardiovascular system (BNF Chapter 2)

<i>DT Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Price change</i>	<i>Percentage change</i>
2.2				
Bendroflumethiazide 2.5mg tablets (28)	86	M	unchanged	
Bendroflumethiazide 5mg tablets (28)	89	M	8	9.9%
Bumetanide 1mg tablets (28)	137	M	19	16.1%
Bumetanide 5mg tablets (28)	693	A	1	0.1%
Furosemide 40mg tablets (28)	88	M	6	7.3%
Indapamide 2.5mg tablets (28)	188	M	-4	-2.1%
2.4				
Atenolol 50mg tablets (28)	95	M	-1	-1.0%
Atenolol 100mg tablets (28)	103	M	-2	-1.9%
Bisoprolol 5mg tablets (28)	99	M	8	8.8%
Bisoprolol 10mg tablets (28)	105	M	6	6.1%
Carvedilol 12.5mg tablets (28)	155	M	35	29.2%
Carvedilol 25mg tablets (28)	148	M	18	13.9%
2.5.4				
Doxazosin 4mg tablets (28)	110	M	8	7.8%
2.5.5				
Enalapril 10mg tablets (28)	105	M	8	8.3%
Enalapril 20mg tablets (28)	116	M	10	9.4%
Lisinopril 10mg tablets (28)	101	M	4	4.1%
Lisinopril 20mg tablets (28)	111	M	7	6.7%
Perindopril erbumine 2mg tablets (30)	134	M	5	3.9%
Perindopril erbumine 4mg tablets (30)	158	M	23	17.0%
Perindopril erbumine 8mg tablets (30)	169	M	17	11.2%
Ramipril 5mg capsules (28)	122	M	8	7.0%
Ramipril 5mg tablets (28)	121	M	7	6.1%
Ramipril 10mg capsules (28)	131	M	10	8.3%
Ramipril 10mg tablets (28)	140	M	9	6.9%
Candesartan 4mg tablets (7)	86	M	5	6.2%
Candesartan 8mg tablets (28)	144	M	-9	-5.9%
Irbesartan 75mg tablets (28)	143	M	14	10.9%
Irbesartan 150mg tablets (28)	167	M	13	8.4%
Irbesartan 300mg tablets (28)	249	M	8	3.3%
Irbesartan 300mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	1247	A	-52	-4.0%
Irbesartan 300mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tablets (28)	1247	A	-52	-4.0%

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Losartan 25mg tablets (28)	118	M	9	8.3%
Losartan 50mg tablets (28)	129	M	8	6.6%
Losartan 100mg tablets (28)	140	M	10	7.7%
Losartan 50mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	167	M	20	13.6%
Losartan 100mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	1608	A	1	0.1%
Losartan 100mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tablets (28)	193	M	21	12.2%
Telmisartan 20mg tablets (28)	152	M	-23	-13.1%
Telmisartan 40mg tablets (28)	174	M	-21	-10.8%
Telmisartan 80mg tablets (28)	204	M	-28	-12.1%
Valsartan 80mg capsules (28)	913	M	692	313%
Valsartan 160mg capsules (28)	974	M	727	294%
Valsartan 320mg tablets (28)	1473	A	63	4.5%
Valsartan 160mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	267	M	-19	-6.6%
Valsartan 160mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tablets (28)	1118	A	7	0.6%
2.6				
Amlodipine 5mg tablets (28)	100	M	9	9.9%
Amlodipine 10mg tablets (28)	103	M	7	7.3%
Isosorbide mononitrate 10mg tablets (56)	569	M	22	4.0%
Isosorbide mononitrate 20mg tablets (56)	692	M	51	8.0%
Isosorbide mononitrate 40mg tablets (56)	838	M	-56	-6.3%
2.9				
Aspirin 75mg dispersible tablets (28)	84	M	8	10.5%
Aspirin 75mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	87	M	7	8.8%
Clopidogrel 75mg tablets (28)	188	M	15	8.7%
2.12				
Atorvastatin 10mg tablets (28)	119	M	10	9.2%
Atorvastatin 20mg tablets (28)	145	M	14	10.7%
Atorvastatin 40mg tablets (28)	167	M	14	9.2%
Atorvastatin 80mg tablets (28)	268	M	18	7.2%
Pravastatin 40mg tablets (28)	200	M	13	7.0%
Simvastatin 10mg tablets (28)	90	M	9	11.1%
Simvastatin 20mg tablets (28)	98	M	8	8.9%
Simvastatin 40mg tablets (28)	123	M	11	9.8%
Simvastatin 80mg tablets (28)	181	M	16	9.7%

Other Chapter 2 news: Amloride 5mg tablets rise 3.14 [39%] to 11.20, ciprofibrate 100mg tablets are up over £10 to 102.48, isradipine 2.5mg tablets are up £14 to 211.01, nebivolol 2.5mg tablets are 69.85 and 5mg are just 1.56.

Respiratory system (BNF Chapter 3)

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
3.3				
Montelukast 4mg chewable tablets sugar free (28)	211	M	10	5.0%
Montelukast 4mg granules sachets sugar free (28)	434	M	12	2.8%
Montelukast 5mg chewable tablets sugar free (28)	223	M	8	3.7%
Montelukast 10mg tablets (28)	211	M	10	5.0%
3.4				
Cetirizine 10mg tablets (30)	107	M	6	5.9%
Desloratadine 5mg tablets (30)	128	M	-2	-1.5%
Loratadine 10mg tablets (30)	110	M	9	8.9%

Other: salbutamol 4mg tablets now 102.65 for 28.

Central nervous system (BNF Chapter 4)

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
4.1				
Temazepam 10mg tablets (28)	1977	M	52	2.7%
Temazepam 20mg tablets (28)	1899	M	86	4.7%
4.2				
Olanzapine 10mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	581	A	-38	-6.1%
Olanzapine 10mg tablets (28)	156	M	11	7.6%
Olanzapine 15mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	774	A	-58	-7.0%
Olanzapine 15mg tablets (28)	197	M	5	2.6%
Olanzapine 20mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	1053	A	-77	-6.8%
Olanzapine 20mg tablets (28)	536	A	-30	-5.3%
Quetiapine 100mg tablets (60)	249	M	20	8.7%
Quetiapine 150mg tablets (60)	269	M	22	8.9%
Quetiapine 200mg tablets (60)	319	M	8	2.6%
Quetiapine 300mg tablets (60)	440	M	9	2.1%
Risperidone 3mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	3350	A	unchanged	
Risperidone 3mg tablets (60)	211	M	19	9.9%
Risperidone 4mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	3796	A	4	0.1%
Risperidone 4mg tablets (28)	240	M	32	15.4%
Risperidone 6mg tablets (28)	522	A	-3	-0.6%
4.3				
Citalopram 20mg tablets (28)	110	M	10	10.0%
Citalopram 40mg tablets (28)	128	M	11	9.4%
Escitalopram 10mg tablets (28)	198	C to M	-1293	-86.7%

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Escitalopram 20mg tablets (28)	283	C to M	-2237	-88.8%
Fluoxetine 20mg capsules (30)	109	M	8	7.9%
Fluoxetine 20mg/5ml oral solution (70ml)	355	M	8	2.3%
Fluoxetine 60mg capsules (30)	2797	M	-82	-2.9%
Mirtazapine 30mg orodispersible tablets (30)	179	M	33	22.6%
Mirtazapine 30mg tablets (28)	167	M	14	9.2%
Mirtazapine 45mg orodispersible tablets (30)	236	M	41	21.0%
Mirtazapine 45mg tablets (28)	224	M	28	14.3%
Sertraline 50mg tablets (28)	175	M	-17	-8.9%
Sertraline 100mg tablets (28)	215	M	-9	-4.0%
4.6				
Ondansetron 4mg tablets (10)	173	M	2	1.2%
Ondansetron 8mg tablets (10)	4459	A	54	1.2%
4.7.1				
Paracetamol 500mg tablets (32)	102	M	14	15.9%
Paracetamol 500mg capsules (32)	132	M	14	11.9%
Co-codamol 8mg/500mg capsules (100)	435	M	40	10.1%
Co-codamol 8mg/500mg effervescent tablets (100)	884	M	65	7.9%
Co-codamol 8mg/500mg tablets (100)	397	M	27	7.3%
Co-codamol 30mg/500mg capsules (100)	435	M	40	10.1%
Co-codamol 30mg/500mg effervescent tablets (100)	884	M	65	7.9%
Co-codamol 30mg/500mg tablets (100)	503	M	36	7.7%
4.7.4				
Naratriptan 2.5mg tablets (6)	206	M	30	17.1%
Rizatriptan 10mg tablets (3)	369	M	-156	-29.7%
Sumatriptan 50mg tablets (6)	165	M	16	10.7%
Sumatriptan 100mg tablets (6)	196	M	17	9.5%
Zolmitriptan 2.5mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (6)	216	M	59	37.6%
Zolmitriptan 2.5mg tablets (6)	118	M	8	7.3%
Zolmitriptan 5mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (6)	1112	A	3	0.3%
4.8				
Lamotrigine 100mg dispersible tablets sugar free (56)	499	M	-68	-12.0%
Lamotrigine 100mg tablets (56)	247	M	6	2.5%
Lamotrigine 200mg tablets (56)	373	M	26	7.5%
Levetiracetam 250mg tablets (60)	302	M	29	10.6%
Levetiracetam 500mg tablets (60)	427	M	30	7.6%
Levetiracetam 750mg tablets (60)	609	M	72	13.4%
Levetiracetam 1g tablets (60)	700	M	-19	-2.6%
Topiramate 25mg capsules (60)	1540	M	23	1.5%
Topiramate 25mg tablets (60)	371	M	49	15.2%
Topiramate 50mg capsules (60)	4921	A	153	3.2%
Topiramate 50mg tablets (60)	342	M	-10	-2.8%

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Topiramate 100mg tablets (60)	388	M	20	5.4%
Topiramate 200mg tablets (60)	1580	A	Unchanged	
4.11				
Donepezil 5mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	732	A	-19	-2.5%
Donepezil 5mg tablets (28)	133	M	10	8.1%
Donepezil 10mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	977	A	-25	-2.5%
Donepezil 10mg tablets (28)	176	M	15	9.3%
Rivastigmine 3mg capsules (28)	327	M	2	0.6%
Rivastigmine 4.5mg capsules (28)	1773	A	27	1.6%
Rivastigmine 6mg capsules (28)	1631	A	1	0.1%
Rivastigmine 9.5mg/24hours transdermal patches (30)	5554	M	-2243	-28.8%
Memantine 10mg tablets (28)	489	M	-295	-37.6%
Memantine 20mg tablets (28)	1271	M	-182	-12.5%

Others: Cloral betaine 707mg tablets have gone up nearly 6-fold to £68 for 30. Doxepin 25mg capsules and 50mg capsules remain at £24 and £48 respectively for 28.

Infections (BNF Chapter 5)

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
5.1				
Amoxicillin 250mg capsules (21)	146	M	7	5.0%
Amoxicillin 500mg capsules (21)	168	M	14	9.1%
Clarithromycin 250mg tablets (14)	163	M	2	1.2%
Clarithromycin 250mg/5ml oral suspension (70ml)	622	M	-44	-6.6%
Clarithromycin 500mg tablets (14)	287	M	21	7.9%
Co-amoxiclav 250mg/125mg tablets (21)	647	M	243	60.2%
Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	189	M	-10	-5.0%
Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	561	C	unchanged	
Metronidazole 200mg tablets (21)	917	M	790	622%
Nitrofurantoin 50mg tablets (28)	2063	M	-164	-7.4%
Nitrofurantoin 100mg tablets (28)	1072	A	35	3.4%
Oxytetracycline 250mg tablets (28)	122	M	8	7.0%
Phenoxymethylpenicillin 250mg tablets (28)	119	M	9	8.2%
Tetracycline 250mg tablets (28)	261	M	15	6.1%
Trimethoprim 200mg tablets (14)	101	M	9	9.8%
5.2				
Terbinafine 250mg tablets (14)	162	M	13	8.7%
5.3				
Aciclovir 400mg tablets (56)	441	M	17	4.0%
Aciclovir 800mg dispersible tablets (35)	1019	A	13	1.3%
Aciclovir 800mg tablets (35)	447	M	18	4.2%
Famciclovir 250mg tablets (21)	14432	A	-11	-0.1%

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Famciclovir 500mg tablets (14)	17837	A	-1	0.0%
Valaciclovir 500mg tablets (10)	380	M	28	8.0%

Others: flucloxacillin 125mg/5ml oral solution now 5.19 [+12p] but other liquid flucloxacillin preparations i.e. sugar-free and 250mg/5ml solutions still in the range £23-£29.

Endocrine system (BNF Chapter 6)

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
6.1				
Metformin 500mg tablets (28)	132	M	16	13.8%
Metformin 500mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (150ml)	6979	A	-1	0.0%
Metformin 850mg tablets (56)	191	M	19	11.1%
Gliclazide 80mg tablets (28)	131	M	-1	-0.8%
Glimepiride 2mg tablets (30)	118	M	Unchanged	
Glimepiride 3mg tablets (30)	841	A	17	2.1%
Glimepiride 4mg tablets (30)	148	M	10	7.3%
Pioglitazone 15mg tablets (28)	132	M	7	5.6%
Pioglitazone 30mg tablets (28)	157	M	8	5.4%
Pioglitazone 45mg tablets (28)	186	M	21	12.7%
6.2				
Levothyroxine sodium 25microgram tablets (28)	282	M	18	6.8%
Levothyroxine sodium 50microgram tablets (28)	197	M	21	11.9%
Levothyroxine sodium 100microgram tablets (28)	198	M	16	8.8%
6.3				
Hydrocortisone 10mg tablets (30)	6479	M	1333	25.9%
Hydrocortisone 20mg tablets (30)	7706	A	391	5.4%
Prednisolone 2.5mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	174	M	3	1.8%
Prednisolone 5mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	182	M	Unchanged	
Prednisolone 5mg tablets (28)	133	M	Unchanged	
6.4				
Finasteride 5mg tablets (28)	173	M	18	11.6%
Raloxifene 60mg tablets (28)	824	M	-201	-19.6%
6.6				
Alendronic acid 10mg tablets (28)	166	M	-51	-23.5%
Alendronic acid 70mg tablets (4)	117	M	16	15.8%
Ibandronic acid 50mg tablets (28)	1229	M	151	14.0%
Ibandronic acid 150mg tablets (1)	181	M	-22	-10.8%
Risedronate sodium 35mg tablets (4)	125	M	7	5.9%

Odds n' ends (BNF chapters 7-13)

Chapter 7

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Alphabetical order				
Desogestrel 75microgram tablets (84)	356	M	10	2.9%
Oxybutynin 2.5mg tablets (56)	203	M	23	12.8%
Oxybutynin 5mg tablets (56)	289	M	15	5.5%
Sildenafil 25mg tablets (4)	112	M	7	6.7%
Sildenafil 50mg tablets (4)	116	M	4	3.6%
Sildenafil 100mg tablets (4)	125	M	5	4.2%
Tamsulosin 400microgram m/r capsules (30)	465	A	-3	-0.6%
Tolterodine 1mg tablets (56)	288	M	14	5.1%
Tolterodine 2mg tablets (56)	292	M	-9	-3.0%
Trospium chloride 20mg tablets (60)	2494	A	-4	-0.2%

Chapter 8

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Alphabetical order				
Anastrozole 1mg tablets (28)	184	M	4	2.2%
Bicalutamide 150mg tablets (28)	594	M	20	3.5%
Bicalutamide 50mg tablets (28)	231	M	unchanged	
Exemestane 25mg tablets (30)	494	M	9	1.9%
Letrozole 2.5mg tablets (14)	166	M	3	1.8%
Mycophenolate mofetil 500mg tablets (50)	2061	M	879	74.4%
Tamoxifen 20mg tablets (30)	218	M	12	5.8%
Tamoxifen 40mg tablets (30)	1826	A	75	4.3%

Chapter 9

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Alphabetical order				
Alfacalcidol 1microgram capsules (30)	587	M	41	7.5%
Alfacalcidol 250nanogram capsules (30)	267	M	25	10.3%
Alfacalcidol 500nanogram capsules (30)	580	M	25	4.5%
Hydroxocobalamin 1mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules (5)	1055	M	190	22.0%

Chapter 10

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Alphabetical order				
Diclofenac sodium 25mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	91	M	7	8.3%
Diclofenac sodium 50mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	90	M	9	11.1%
Ibuprofen 400mg tablets (84)	375	M	42	12.6%
Ibuprofen 600mg tablets (84)	350	M	59	20.3%

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Ibuprofen 5% gel (100g)	422	A	Unchanged	
Ketoprofen 2.5% gel (100g)	376	M	24	6.8%
Leflunomide 10mg tablets (30)	1493	M	-140	-8.6%
Leflunomide 20mg tablets (30)	1542	M	-152	-9.0%
Naproxen 500mg gastro-resistant tablets (56)	1173	M	384	48.7%
Naproxen 500mg tablets (28)	199	M	9	4.7%
Piroxicam 0.5% gel (112g)	1344	M	769	133.7%

Chapter 11

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
11.4				
Sodium cromoglicate 2% eye drops (13.5ml)	198	M	14	7.6%
11.6				
Dorzolamide 2% / Timolol 0.5% eye drops (5ml)	273	M	13	5.0%
Dorzolamide 2% eye drops (5ml)	244	M	11	4.7%
Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops (2.5ml)	419	M	-16	-3.7%
Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml eye drops (2.5ml)	191	M	13	7.3%
Timolol 0.25% eye drops (5ml)	130	M	14	12.1%
Timolol 0.5% eye drops (5ml)	129	M	13	11.2%
11.8				
Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops (10ml)	115	M	11	10.6%

Chapter 12

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Beclometasone 50micrograms/dose nasal spray (200 dose)	242	M	27	12.6%
Ipratropium bromide 21micrograms/dose nasal spray (180 dose)	654	C	unchanged	
Mometasone 50micrograms/dose nasal spray (140 dose)	579	M	3	0.5%
Nystatin 100,000units/ml oral suspension (30ml)	242	A to M	-1804	-88.2%

Chapter 13

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
13.2				
Aqueous cream (500g)	485	M	40	9.0%
13.4				
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream (30g)	312	M	25	8.7%
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment (30g)	243	M	20	9.0%
Hydrocortisone 1% cream (30g)	234	M	22	10.4%
Hydrocortisone 1% ointment (30g)	252	M	26	11.5%
Hydrocortisone 2.5% cream (15g)	1115	M	89	8.7%

DT Description	Price	Category	Price change	Percentage change
Hydrocortisone 2.5% ointment (15g)	2415	A	5	0.2%
Mometasone 0.1% cream (30g)	405	M	57	16.4%
13.6				
Co-cyprindiol 2000 microgram/35 microgram tablets (63)	542	A	unchanged	
13.10				
Aciclovir 5% cream (2g)	113	M	29	34.5%
Amorolfine 5% medicated nail lacquer (5ml)	650	M	53	8.9%
Terbinafine 1% cream (30g)	350	M	10	2.9%

Other sizes of tubes of creams / ointments available; prices in direct proportion to those listed above.