

28th March 2024

Dear Contractor,

As you will be aware GM ICS had approved a number of initiatives for the duration of the winter period from **5th December 2023** to **31st March 2024** to support an increase in access to services in Community Pharmacy.

These changes included a **temporary amendment** to the Service Specification for the GM Minor Ailments Service (GM MAS) from the period 5th December 2023 to 31st March 2024 as you will be aware this would be about to come to an end on 31st March 2024. We are pleased to inform you that most of the localities have decided to continue with this temporary amendment for the month of April'24 and possibly further into 2024.

- The GM MAS service will continue to be commissioned from all Pharmacies already signed up in Bolton and Oldham for all patients in receipt of free prescriptions.
- Patient eligibility will be extended to all patients in receipt of free prescriptions in Bury, Manchester, Rochdale, and Trafford.
- Salford, Stockport, and Tameside already have extended patient eligibility. There will be no change to the commissioned service.
- Patient registered with a GP in the Wigan locality will revert back to the reduced eligibility criteria.

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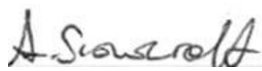
The PharmOutcomes modules will be updated to reflect the above changes from 2nd April 2024.

Please ensure all Pharmacists, Locums and Pharmacy staff are notified of this change.

Thank you for the ongoing support and please feel free to contact us if there are any further concerns or questions in relation to this matter.

All service documentation is uploaded to PharmOutcomes and available to download.

Note: only pharmacies who have signed the SLA/service specification and are accredited on PharmOutcomes will be reimbursed for service provision.



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