



Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

March paid
April 2024

Welcome to the schedule communications, where you will find useful information and helpful tips

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April paid May cut-off date: Sunday 12 May 2024 at 5pm

Changes to submission period for GOS(S)1 claims and increase in voucher values

[PCA\(O\)2024\(01\)](#) includes information on:

- Increase to NHS optical voucher values from 1 April 2024; and
- Changes to legislation for GOS that will come into effect from 1 April 2024.

The change to legislation for GOS refers to GOS(S)1 claims, which now must be submitted to P&CFS within three months after the date of the relevant GOS eye examination (including eye examinations carried out before 1 April 2024). Previously, such claims were to be submitted within six months after the date of the relevant GOS eye examination. The timescales for GOS(S)3 and GOS(S)4 are not affected by this legislative change.

GOS(S)4 optical voucher approval arrangements

Any element of the GOS(S)4 optical voucher system which normally requires approval from an NHS Board remains suspended, as advised in [PCA\(O\)2023\(6\)](#).

Practitioners should use their clinical judgement (instead of seeking prior Health Board approval) to determine the necessity for the issuing of the GOS(S)4 voucher in line with existing eligibility criteria. Reason code “0019” should be entered on all GOS(S)4 claims.

These arrangements remain in place until further notice.

Practitioner Services website

[Our website](#) is designed to help you find information that is useful to you. It is a useful tool for accessing information and guidance on important areas including [claims and allowances](#), [eSchedule reports](#), and [schedule close and payment dates](#).

We update our website regularly. Therefore, we invite you to please take time to familiarise yourself with the information that is available on our [website](#).

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