



**Ophthalmic
Schedule
Communications**

**September
2021**

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

Cessation of COVID emergency financial support for Optometry practices

This month's payment schedule, August paid September 2021, will be the last that has COVID emergency financial support payments being calculated and made in line with [PCA\(O\)2021\(07\)](#).

From next month's payment schedule, September paid October 2021, the GOS(S)1 financial support for all community optometry practices will end.

In practical terms, this means that the current August paid September monthly schedule is the last in which top up payments will be made. The 'exceptional circumstances' process operated by the NHS Boards for practice premises has also now ceased.

What does this mean?

All practice types (practice premises, mobile & peripatetic) will be paid on an actual activity only basis for **all** GOS claim types from the September paid October schedule.

Resigning practice Payment Location Codes (Pay to list numbers)

Please ensure all claims are submitted on or before the resignation date of your Payment Location Code. Once the Payment Location Code is resigned, it is removed from the eOphthalmic system and you will have no way of submitting claims.

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September bank holiday

Please note that we will be closed on Monday 20 September 2021 for the public holiday.

We will re-open on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 8.30am.

Claim cut-off dates September paid October Schedule

Electronic: To be confirmed

Post (HES forms only): Tuesday 30 September 2021 5pm

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