

Category A

Accord's Overview - January 2025



Accord's Category A Overview is a statistical analysis, designed to help you understand how reimbursement has varied. It also helps to demonstrate how the changes may impact you, highlighting which tariff lines have been most affected.

New arrangements for the setting of Drug Tariff Category A reimbursement prices were announced by the department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in March 2024. The transition to the new arrangements will take place over six financial quarters from April 2024 until July 2025¹.

Please note: our data looks at the value of Category A (tariff list price x market volume). It does not look at retained margin as we do not have visibility of contractor's purchase pricing to make this calculation.

Product changes in January

These figures are based on the products in Category A for this month.

4.2%
of reimbursement value has been removed from the Category A product list*

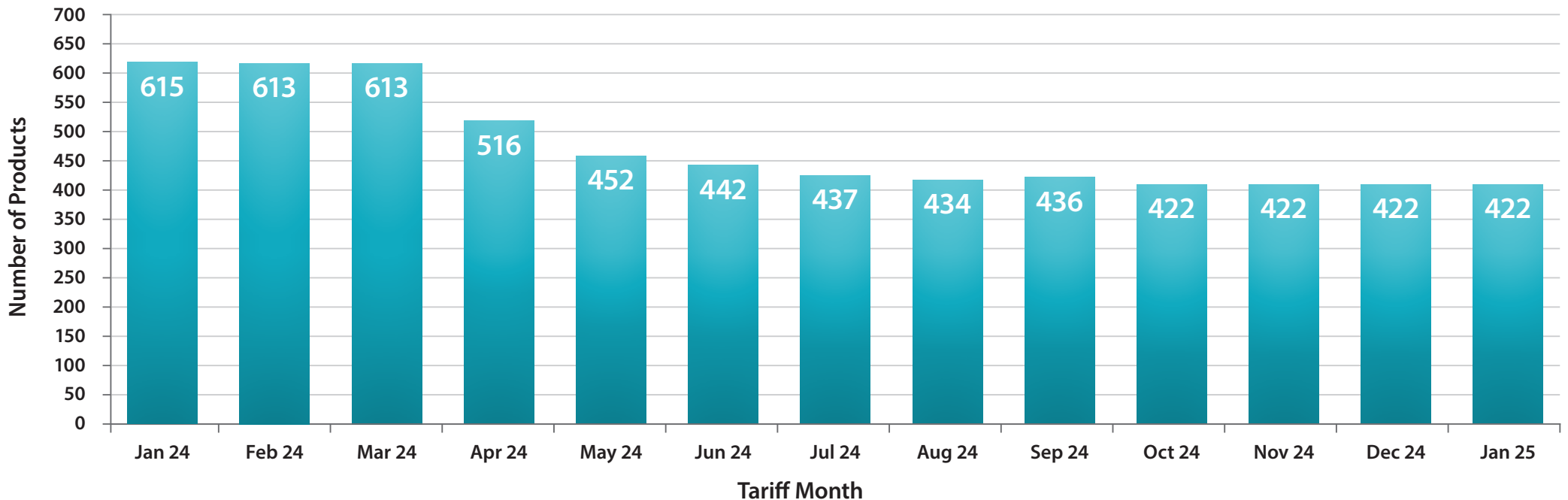
422
Products in Category A

2
Products at the same reimbursement price

164
Tariff prices increased

256
Tariff prices decreased

Number of Products in Category A



4 product additions: 4 moved into Category A from Category M.

4 product removals: 1 product moved into Category C and 3 moved into Category M.

Top Increases & Decreases

These are the highest Category A product reimbursement changes by % month on month.

TOP 20 INCREASES	Pack Size	Dec-24 DT (£)	Dec Tariff Category	Jan-25 DT (£)	Jan Tariff Category	Changes (£)	Changes (%)
Co-tenidone 50mg/12.5mg tablets	28	£1.11	M	£5.80	A	£4.69	422.5%
Dorzolamide 20mg/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops	5	£3.96	M	£8.87	A	£4.91	124.0%
Carbamazepine 100mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free	300	£12.85	A	£26.38	A	£13.53	105.3%
Travoprost 40micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops	2.5	£5.02	M	£8.19	A	£3.17	63.1%
Mebeverine 200mg modified-release capsules	60	£8.56	M	£13.61	A	£5.05	59.0%
Oxcarbazepine 600mg tablets	50	£29.87	A	£45.60	A	£15.73	52.7%
Trandolapril 4mg capsules	28	£9.68	A	£14.51	A	£4.83	49.9%
Olopatadine 1mg/ml eye drops	5	£5.64	A	£8.12	A	£2.48	44.0%
Tramadol 37.5mg / Paracetamol 325mg tablets	60	£7.38	A	£10.26	A	£2.88	39.0%
Pregabalin 75mg tablets	56	£5.65	A	£7.55	A	£1.90	33.6%
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream	30	£2.78	A	£3.60	A	£0.82	29.5%
Oxybutynin 2.5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free	150	£199.75	A	£256.73	A	£56.98	28.5%
Oxybutynin 5mg modified-release tablets	28	£19.02	A	£24.41	A	£5.39	28.3%
Pilocarpine hydrochloride 2% eye drops	10	£37.87	A	£48.46	A	£10.59	28.0%
Codeine 15mg/5ml linctus sugar free	200	£2.46	A	£3.14	A	£0.68	27.6%
Sodium picosulfate 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free	300	£30.74	A	£39.11	A	£8.37	27.2%
Diazepam 2mg/5ml oral solution sugar free	100	£105.91	A	£134.34	A	£28.43	26.8%
Doxazosin 8mg tablets	28	£14.25	A	£17.89	A	£3.64	25.5%
Estriol 0.01% vaginal cream with applicator	1	£39.08	A	£48.84	A	£9.76	25.0%
Vardenafil 20mg tablets	4	£3.54	A	£4.42	A	£0.88	24.9%

TOP 20 DECREASES	Pack Size	Dec-24 DT (£)	Dec Tariff Category	Jan-25 DT (£)	Jan Tariff Category	Changes (£)	Changes (%)
Trimipramine 50mg capsules	28	£94.22	A	£45.39	A	£-48.83	-51.8%
Dicycloverine 20mg tablets	84	£91.96	A	£49.49	A	£-42.47	-46.2%
Dicycloverine 10mg tablets	100	£87.06	A	£47.95	A	£-39.11	-44.9%
Olanzapine 20mg orodispersible tablets	28	£32.91	A	£18.21	A	£-14.70	-44.7%
Zolmitriptan 2.5mg tablets	12	£60.93	A	£34.53	A	£-26.40	-43.3%
Zolmitriptan 2.5mg tablets	6	£30.47	A	£17.27	A	£-13.20	-43.3%
Chlordiazepoxide 10mg capsules	100	£16.11	A	£9.34	A	£-6.77	-42.0%
Aripiprazole 30mg tablets	28	£15.68	A	£9.15	A	£-6.53	-41.6%
Chlordiazepoxide 5mg capsules	100	£14.27	A	£8.34	A	£-5.93	-41.6%
Rivastigmine 4.5mg capsules	28	£10.41	A	£6.13	A	£-4.28	-41.1%
Olanzapine 10mg orodispersible tablets	28	£20.59	A	£12.16	A	£-8.43	-40.9%
Atropine 1% eye drops	10	£118.02	A	£70.04	A	£-47.98	-40.7%
Pramipexole 1.05mg modified-release tablets	30	£53.06	A	£31.50	A	£-21.56	-40.6%
Paracetamol 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free	200	£8.94	A	£5.38	A	£-3.56	-39.8%
Olanzapine 5mg orodispersible tablets	28	£12.76	A	£7.71	A	£-5.05	-39.6%
Captopril 25mg tablets	56	£30.74	A	£18.70	A	£-12.04	-39.2%
Pramipexole 520microgram modified-release tablets	30	£29.44	A	£18.36	A	£-11.08	-37.6%
Tamoxifen 10mg tablets	30	£16.69	A	£10.41	A	£-6.28	-37.6%
Captopril 50mg tablets	56	£35.41	A	£22.50	A	£-12.91	-36.5%
Dexamethasone (base) 3.3mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules	10	£14.21	A	£9.04	A	£-5.17	-36.4%

Summary

- There are now **422 products** in Category A
- There has been a **decrease of 4.2%** of reimbursement value, across all products*
- An annualised figure of approximately **£34.2m** has been removed from Category A*
- For the average contractor, this equates to **£214** less in reimbursement per month*



* Based on current products in Category A vs previous months prices for the same products, and calculated using IQVIA MAT market volumes from 2024. Source: <https://www.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff/drug-tariff-part-viii> Date of access: January 2025