

Category M

Accord's Overview - January 2025



Accord's Category M 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.

Please note: our data looks at the value of Category M (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 M for this month.

5.7%
of reimbursement value has been removed from the Category M product list*

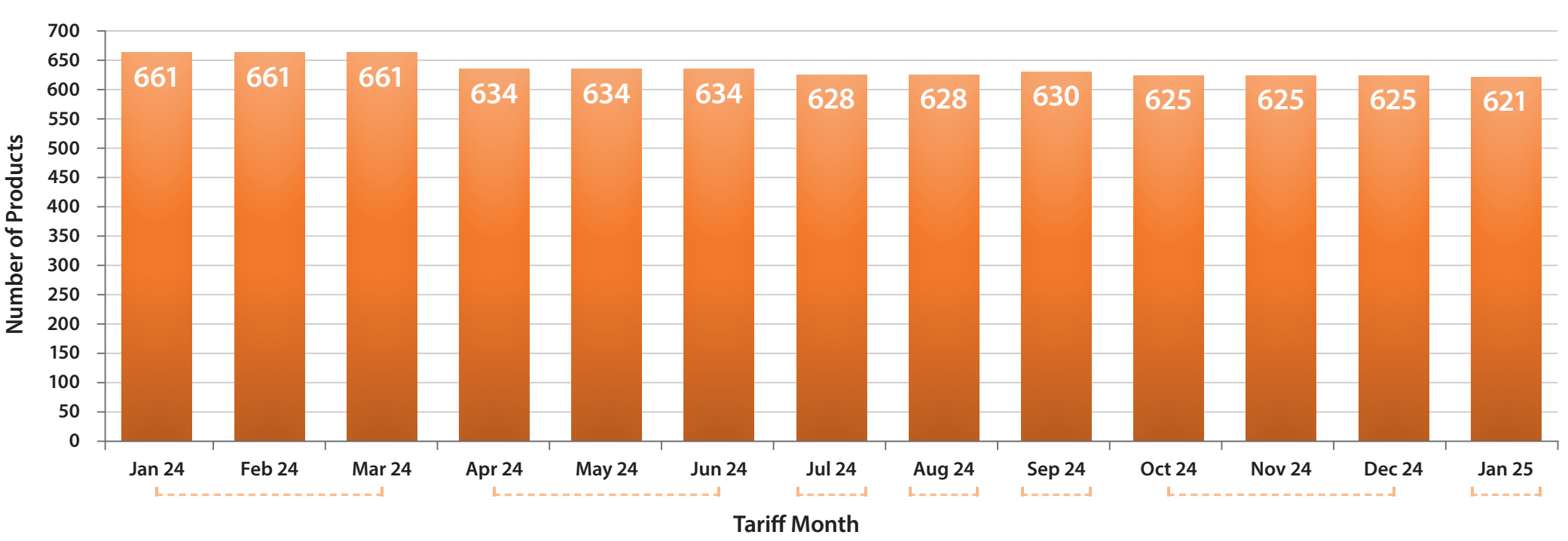
621
Products in Category M

28 products
at the same reimbursement price

182
Tariff prices increased

411
Tariff prices decreased

Number of Products in Category M



6 product additions: Gliclazide 30mg MR tablets 28, Progesterone micronised 100mg capsules 30, Rivaroxaban 10mg tablets 30, Rivaroxaban 2.5mg tablets 56, Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials and Sulfasalazine 500mg GR tablets 112.

10 product removals: Benzoyl peroxide 5% / Clindamycin 1% gel 30 & 60, Co-tenidone 50mg/12.5mg tablets 28, Dorzolamide 20mg/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops & 0.2ml unit dose preservative free 5, Glyceril trinitrate 400micrograms/dose pump sublingual spray 180 & 200, Mebeverine 200mg MR capsules 60, Prednisolone 5mg soluble tablets sugar free 30 and Travoprost 40micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops 2.5.

Top Increases & Decreases

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

TOP 20 INCREASES	Pack Size	Oct-24 DT (£)	Jan-25 DT (£)	Changes (£)	Changes (%)
Oxytetracycline 250mg tablets	28	£1.36	£17.18	£15.82	1163.2%
Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant tablets	28	£2.75	£7.82	£5.07	184.4%
Nicorandil 20mg tablets	60	£4.66	£13.05	£8.39	180.0%
Quetiapine 150mg tablets	60	£3.73	£9.90	£6.17	165.4%
Quetiapine 100mg tablets	60	£3.61	£9.00	£5.39	149.3%
Quetiapine 200mg tablets	60	£4.69	£11.61	£6.92	147.5%
Nicorandil 10mg tablets	60	£3.15	£7.12	£3.97	126.0%
Senna 7.5mg tablets	60	£1.17	£2.42	£1.25	106.8%
Amantadine 100mg capsules	56	£6.21	£11.83	£5.62	90.5%
Olanzapine 5mg tablets	28	£1.40	£2.63	£1.23	87.9%
Haloperidol 5mg tablets	28	£3.61	£6.34	£2.73	75.6%
Apixaban 5mg tablets	56	£2.15	£3.76	£1.61	74.9%
Lorazepam 1mg tablets	28	£1.30	£2.22	£0.92	70.8%
Flucloxacillin 250mg/5ml oral solution	100	£2.78	£4.63	£1.85	66.5%
Quetiapine 300mg tablets	60	£6.12	£9.79	£3.67	60.0%
Haloperidol 1.5mg tablets	28	£4.20	£6.68	£2.48	59.0%
Apixaban 2.5mg tablets	60	£1.95	£3.10	£1.15	59.0%
Perindopril erbumine 8mg tablets	30	£1.30	£1.97	£0.67	51.5%
Naproxen 500mg gastro-resistant tablets	56	£4.67	£6.95	£2.28	48.8%
Pyridoxine 50mg tablets	28	£11.59	£16.91	£5.32	45.9%

TOP 20 DECREASES	Pack Size	Oct-24 DT (£)	Jan-25 DT (£)	Changes (£)	Changes (%)
Rivaroxaban 2.5mg tablets	56	£20.39	£3.19	−£17.20	−84.4%
Rivaroxaban 20mg tablets	28	£6.75	£2.51	−£4.24	−62.8%
Sulfasalazine 500mg gastro-resistant tablets	112	£70.17	£26.97	−£43.20	−61.6%
Rasagiline 1mg tablets	28	£24.25	£9.82	−£14.43	−59.5%
Rivaroxaban 10mg tablets	30	£9.77	£4.09	−£5.68	−58.1%
Rivaroxaban 15mg tablets	28	£6.75	£2.84	−£3.91	−57.9%
Lamotrigine 200mg tablets	56	£10.84	£4.61	−£6.23	−57.5%
Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops	2.5	£3.73	£1.63	−£2.10	−56.3%
Aripiprazole 5mg tablets	28	£4.33	£1.90	−£2.43	−56.1%
Aripiprazole 10mg tablets	28	£4.33	£1.94	−£2.39	−55.2%
Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution sugar free	150	£49.43	£22.59	−£26.84	−54.3%
Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials	20	£21.00	£10.22	−£10.78	−51.3%
Promethazine hydrochloride 25mg tablets	56	£9.58	£4.72	−£4.86	−50.7%
Nebivolol 5mg tablets	28	£4.30	£2.19	−£2.11	−49.1%
Aripiprazole 15mg tablets	28	£4.59	£2.43	−£2.16	−47.1%
Memantine 10mg/ml oral solution sugar free	50	£26.08	£13.82	−£12.26	−47.0%
Zonisamide 100mg capsules	56	£31.89	£17.24	−£14.65	−45.9%
Promethazine hydrochloride 10mg tablets	56	£9.38	£5.12	−£4.26	−45.4%
Topiramate 50mg tablets	60	£5.60	£3.06	−£2.54	−45.4%
Sitagliptin 50mg tablets	28	£2.14	£1.18	−£0.96	−44.9%

Summary

- There are now **621 products** in Category M
- There has been a **decrease of 5.7%** of reimbursement value, across all products*
- An annualised figure of approximately **£126.8m** has been removed from Category M products*
- For the average contractor this equates to **£795 less** in reimbursement per month*
- The average reimbursement price of a pack of medicine in Category M is **£1.57**
- The extra reimbursement that was delivered in July continues to be clawed back back via further Drug Tariff price reductions until March 2025.¹



* This is based on current Category M products, and calculated using IQVIA MAT market volumes from 2024.

¹ <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/category-m-adjustments-to-occur-in-august-2024-imposed-by-dhsc-with-community-pharmacy-englands-opposition/> Date of access: January 2025

Source: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff/drug-tariff-part-viii> Date of access: January 2025