

10. Contribution for adjustments to support social distancing during the outbreak of Covid-19 (England only)

- 10.1 To allow pharmacy contractors to safely conduct essential services in pharmacy premises during the Covid-19 pandemic, a contribution of £300 will be payable to pharmacies towards the general costs of adjustments to support social distancing.
- 10.2 Pharmacy contractors that have temporarily closed for a period since 31 March 2020 of greater than two weeks or have applied to NHS England and NHS Improvement to be closed for a period of greater than two weeks after 31 March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic will not receive the payment, unless they had installed adjustments to support social distancing prior or after the temporarily closure.
- 10.3 Pharmacy contractors that have remained open from 31 March 2020 and have not applied to NHS England and NHS Improvement to be closed as described in paragraph 10.2 will not need to make a claim for payment, which will be made on 1 May 2020. The payment will not be separately itemised on the FP34 Schedule of Payments. However, the NHSBSA will issue letters to pharmacy contractors to inform them of the payment made to them.
- 10.4 Pharmacy contractors that installed adjustments prior to or after temporarily closing and do not receive payment on 1 May 2020, can claim the payment of £300 between 5 May 2020 and 5 August 2020 using the appropriate claim form available on the NHSBSA's website, at the following link: https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2020-06/Contribution%20payment%20for%20PV%20shield%20Part%20VIAv2_1.doc. The claim form must be signed by the contractor.
- 10.5 Payments for costs of adjustments during the Covid-19 pandemic as outlined above do not apply to distance selling premises.