

8. Essential pharmaceutical service – fee ensuring home delivery during the Covid-19 outbreak (England only)

8.1 Pharmacy contractors, who dispense the stated number of prescription items or more in any month (regardless of how many items they actually deliver to patient’s homes) and who are located in a postcode area specified in NHS England and Improvement’s announcement (in a form of a letter to pharmacy contractors) for the relevant time period, will receive a monthly fee for ensuring prescription items can be delivered to eligible patients as outlined in NHS England and Improvement’s announcement on commissioning this service during the Covid-19 pandemic. These payments will be in place from 1 to 30 September 2020, but pharmacy contractors will only receive them if, as well as meeting the dispensing volume threshold, for at least one day of the month in question their postcode area is specified in one of these announcements and that day is part of a relevant period specified in the announcement.

8.2 Pharmacy contractors, who dispense 101 prescription items or more in any month from April 2020 (regardless of how many items they actually deliver to patient’s homes) and who are located in a postcode area specified in NHS England and NHS Improvement’s announcement for the relevant time period, will receive the following payment for ensuring prescription items can be delivered to eligible patients during the Covid-19 pandemic as set out in the table below:

Number of items per month from 1 April 2020	Monthly Payment from 1 April 2020
0 - 100	£0
101 - 2,500	£34
2,501 - 5,000	£396
5,001 - 12,500	£500
12,501 - 19,167	£542
19,168+	£563

8.3 Payments for ensuring home delivery during Covid-19 pandemic as outlined above do not apply to distance selling premises.