

Community pharmacy Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service

In England, from 1 September 2020 a fee of £36 will be paid for each Hepatitis C Antibody test completed on an eligible person who injects drug (PWID) by a pharmacy contractor regardless of the result.

Pharmacy contractors will also be reimbursed the cost of the Hepatitis C Antibody test in accordance with the list price as published by the supplier. An allowance at the applicable VAT rate will also be paid.

The fees will be payable only to contractors meeting the requirements of the service including notification of the intention to provide the service to NHSCB by completing an electronic registration through the NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS) platform. These are set out in directions 7BC and 7BD of the principal Directions and the service specification.

The claim for activity for each month must be made via the MYS platform provided by the NHSBSA no later than 5th of the following month.

The NHSBSA will make appropriate payments claimed by the pharmacy contractor as described above, in the same payment month as other payments for NHS Pharmaceutical Services and the payments will be separately itemised on the FP34 Schedule of Payments.

A review of the service will be undertaken towards the end of 2021/22 to inform whether the service will be commissioned the following financial year.