

Uplift to advance payment between 1 April 2020 and 1 July 2020

- i) On 1 April 2020 pharmacy contractors received an uplift of 30.1% to their February's advance payment which across all pharmacy contractors amounted to a figure in excess of £200 million. Pharmacies, which submitted their February's batches late, might have had their uplift calculated based on January's batch. Pharmacies, which closed in March, did not receive the payment on 1 April. Pharmacies, which opened in March, but did not receive the uplift in subsequent months in line with Table 1, should contact the NHSBSA by using the following form: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/Uplift%20to%20advance%20claim%20form.docx>, to make representations as to why they think they should have received the payment, or as to why they think the payment which they have received, has not been sufficient (for example mergers, i.e. F-code of a pharmacy with a lower dispensing volume was retained). This appeal process will be open until 5 November 2020. Forms put forward by contractors will be considered by the Secretary of State on a monthly basis to the following schedule: if a form is submitted by 5 August it will be considered during the month of August for payment to be made on 1 September, if appropriate. Any missing information on the form may cause delay to the process / payment by a month.
- ii) On 1 May 2020 pharmacy contractors received an uplift of 13.2% to their March's advance payment, which across all pharmacy contractors amounted to a figure in excess of £100 million. Pharmacies, which submitted their March's batches late, might have had their uplift calculated based on February's batch. Pharmacies, which closed in April, did not receive the payment. Pharmacies, which opened in April, but did not receive the uplift in subsequent months in line with Table 1, should contact the NHSBSA by using the following form: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/Uplift%20to%20advance%20claim%20form.docx>, to make representations as to why they think they should have received the payment, or as to why they think the payment which they have received, has not been sufficient (for example mergers, i.e. F-code of a pharmacy with a lower dispensing volume was retained). This appeal process will be open until 5 November 2020. Forms put forward by contractors will be considered by the Secretary of State on a monthly basis to the following schedule: if a form is submitted by 5 August it will be considered during the month of August for payment to be made on 1 September, if appropriate. Any missing information on the form may cause delay to the process / payment by a month.
- iii) On 1 June 2020 pharmacy contractors received an uplift of 6.71% to their April's advance payment which across all pharmacy contractors amounted to a figure in excess of £50 million. Pharmacies, which submitted their April's batches late, might have had their uplift calculated based on March's batch. Pharmacies, which closed in May, did not receive the payment. Pharmacies, which opened in May, but did not receive the uplift in subsequent months in line with Table 2, should contact the NHSBSA by using the following form: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/Uplift%20to%20advance%20claim%20form.docx>, to make representations as to why they think they should have received the payment, or as to why they think the payment which they have received, has not been sufficient (for example mergers, i.e. F-code of a pharmacy with a lower dispensing volume was retained). This appeal process will be open until 5 November 2020. Forms put forward by contractors will be considered by the Secretary of State on a monthly basis to the following schedule, if a form is submitted by 5 August it will be considered during the month of August for payment to be made on 1 September, if appropriate. Any missing information on the form may cause delay to the process / payment by a month.
- iv) On 1 July 2020 pharmacy contractors received an uplift of 2.82% to their May's advance payment which across all pharmacy contractors amounted in excess of £20 million. Pharmacies, which submitted their May's batches late might have had their uplift calculated based on April's batch. Pharmacies, which closed in June, did not receive the payment. Pharmacies, which opened in June, but did not receive the uplift in subsequent months in line with Table 3, should contact the NHSBSA by using the following form: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/Uplift%20to%20advance%20claim%20form.docx>, to make representations as to why they think they should have received the payment or as to why they think the payment which they have received, has not been sufficient (for example mergers, i.e. F-code of a pharmacy with a

lower dispensing volume was retained). This appeal process will be open until 5 November 2020. Forms put forward by contractors will be considered by the Secretary of State on a monthly basis to the following schedule: if a form is submitted by 5 August it will be considered during the month of August for payment to be made on 1 September, if appropriate. Any missing information on the form may cause delay to the process / payment by a month.

- v) The £370 million uplift will not be reconciled out until further notice.
- vi) The payments have not been separately itemised on the FP34 Schedule of Payments. However, the NHSBSA has sent out letters to pharmacy contractors to inform them of the payment made to them.

Table 1.

	Pharmacy opened in March and submitted FP34C for March	Pharmacy opened in March and did not submit FP34C for March but did so in April	Pharmacy opened in March and did not submit FP34C for March and April, but did so in May	Pharmacy opened in April and submitted FP34C for April	Pharmacy opened in April and did not submit FP34C for April but did so in May
How the uplift should be calculated for the pharmacy?	Must get the average each prescription got from £300 million for each prescription they dispensed in March	Must get the average each prescription got from the £100 million for each prescription they dispensed in April. However, the pharmacy contractor can demonstrate whether they provided NHS pharmaceutical services in March but failed to submit the batch so it could be considered whether they should access the uplift based on £300 million (see the reference to the appropriate form above).	No uplift. However, the pharmacy contractor can demonstrate whether they provided NHS pharmaceutical services in March and / or April but failed to submit the batch so it could be considered whether they should access the uplift either based on £300 million or £100 million (see the reference to the appropriate form above).	Must get the average each prescription got from the £100 million for each prescription they dispensed in April.	No uplift. However, the pharmacy contractor can demonstrate whether they provided NHS pharmaceutical services in April but failed to submit the batch so it could be considered whether they should access the uplift based on £100 million (see the reference to the appropriate form above).

Table 2.

	Pharmacy opened in May and submitted FP34C for May	Pharmacy opened in May and did not submit FP34C for May but did so in June
How the uplift should be calculated for the pharmacy?	Must get the average each prescription got from £50 million for each prescription they dispensed in May.	No uplift. However, the pharmacy contractor can demonstrate whether they provided NHS pharmaceutical services in May but failed to submit the batch so it could be considered whether they should access the uplift based on £50 million (see the reference to the appropriate form above).

Table 3.

	Pharmacy opened in June and submitted FP34C for June	Pharmacy opened in June and did not submit FP34C for June but did so in July
How the uplift should be calculated for the pharmacy?	Must get the average each prescription got from £20 million for each prescription they dispensed in June.	No uplift. However, the pharmacy contractor can demonstrate whether they provided NHS pharmaceutical services in June but failed to submit the batch so it could be considered whether they should access the uplift based on £20 million (see the reference to the appropriate form above).