

NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)

29. In England, from 29 October 2019, the following fee will be paid for the provision of the NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Advanced Service (CPCS). Regardless of whether a medicine/appliance was supplied, a fee of £14.00 will be paid in respect of each referral received and completed by the pharmacy contractor via the NHS 111, IUC CAS or General Practice referral route into CPCS as part of the Advanced Service
30. Other referrals via NHS 111, IUC CAS or General Practice and requests by patients for emergency supplies that are not part of the Advanced Service, do not attract this fee.
31. No further fees will be paid for the CPCS where an urgent medicine is supplied, and any items dispensed will not contribute to the establishment payment and deduction scale calculations.
32. Pharmacy contractors will be reimbursed* the cost of any supplied medicine/appliance following a referral for urgent medicines/appliances supply in accordance with Part II, Clause 8 (Basic Price) of the Drug Tariff. An allowance at the applicable VAT rate will also be paid, where applicable.
33. The fee mentioned in paragraph 24 will be payable only to contractors who have registered for the CPCS scheme and who meet the requirements of the service. The registration for the CPCS scheme will be via the NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.
34. The service requirements are set out in directions 7BA and 7BB of the principal Directions and the NHSCB service specification. Whether or not a referral has been completed is to be understood by reference to the service specification.
35. Claims for payments for this service and for reimbursement of costs for items supplied for urgent medicines/appliances supply should be made monthly, via the Manage Your Service platform provided by the NHSBSA and/or the CPCS Pharmacy IT system (where this functionality is available). Claims will be accepted by the NHSBSA within six months of completion of a referral, in accordance with the usual Drug Tariff claims process. Later claims will not be processed.
36. 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.
37. Where urgent medicines/appliances are supplied, and the patient is exempt from payment of NHS prescription charges, the pharmacy contractor must complete an FP10DT EPS dispensing token with the information required in the NHSCB service specification and ensure completion of the exemption declaration in line with paragraph 2 of Part XVI of the Drug Tariff. These completed FP10DT EPS dispensing tokens should be sent to the NHSBSA as part of the month-end submission (clearly separated within the batch and marked 'CPCS'), which should be sent not later than the 5th day of the month following that in which the urgent supply was made*.

Claims associated with initial local engagement in preparation for delivering the GP referral pathway of the CPCS

* Subject to the contractor having submitted a claim via the Manage Your Service platform containing all of the required information, the cost of medicines or appliances supplied under this part of the service will be reimbursed using the basic price specified in Drug Tariff Part II Clause 8 (Basic Price). For clarity, no other elements of the Drug Tariff in relation to reimbursement of medicines or appliances apply to this service, including the payments for consumables and containers

38. From 1 November 2020, subject to the payment conditions set out in paragraph 34, pharmacy contractors will be remunerated a contribution of £300 towards the costs associated with initial engagement with local partners in preparation for delivering the GP referral pathway of the CPCS.
39. The conditions referred to above for claiming the payment for costs associated with initial local engagement, with Primary Care Networks (PCNs), GPs etc., in preparation for delivering the GP referral pathway of the CPCS Advanced Service are that contractors must:
- complete the activity described at Annex F of the service specification by 31st March 2021, and
 - be able to produce the required documentation, if requested to do so by the NHSCB or the NHSBSA, so that it can be evidenced at a later date.

Further details can be found in Annex F of the service specification.

40. Claims for payments for this programme should be made monthly, via the webform on the Manage Your Service platform provided by the NHSBSA and available at <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-prescription-services-submissions/login>. Claims will be accepted by the NHSBSA not later than the 5th day of the month following that in which the activity was completed or by the 5th April 2021, whichever date is earlier. Later claims will not be processed. Each claim must include a declaration that the contractor has completed the required activity and that they can provide evidence to support the claim if requested to do so by NHSBSA. Payment will be made via the NHSBSA schedule once approved.