

## **Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service**

15. From 1 September 2021 a fee of £9.58 will be paid for each adult flu vaccination administered by a pharmacy contractor. This payment includes a contribution to cover training and clinical waste costs associated with the vaccination.
16. Pharmacy contractors will be reimbursed the cost of the vaccine in accordance with Part II, Clause 8C (Basic Price) of the Drug Tariff. An allowance at the applicable VAT rate will also be paid.
17. The fees will be payable only to contractors meeting the requirements of the service. These are set out in directions 7A and 7B of the principal Directions and the service specification.
18. Claims for payments for this programme should be made monthly, via the Manage Your Service platform provided by the NHSBSA. Claims will be accepted by the NHSBSA within six months of administration of the vaccination or by 31 August 2022, whichever date is earlier. Later claims will not be processed. Payments to contractors will be made monthly as part of their normal payment schedule. Information on submitting a claim is available via the NHSBSA website (<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/community-1>). When using the Manage Your Service platform provided by the NHSBSA for submitting claims, contractors should ensure that they only make a single claim for each calendar month, as subsequent submissions for that claim month will not be accepted by the Manage Your Service platform.

### **Claims associated with offsite provision of the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service**

19. From the 1 September 2021, subject to the payment conditions set out in paragraphs 20 and 21, pharmacy contractors will be remunerated a contribution towards the costs deemed reasonable by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) to deliver adult flu vaccinations from offsite premises.
20. The conditions referred to above for claiming additional reasonable costs are:
  - i. pre-authorisation of costs is approved by the contractor's regional NHSE&I team prior to any spend and in line with the 2021-22 Autumn and Winter Financial and Payments Guidance for NHS Regional Teams for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme and the Advanced Flu Service (Community Pharmacies).
  - ii. that the costs are not already covered via any other means.
21. In relation to the authorisation of venue hire, authorisation of costs will be given by regional NHSE&I teams on a first come, first served basis, from a finite budget. NHSE&I will only authorise where:
  - there is no other venue that has already been paid for either very near or at the same place, at the same time, that the contractor could make use of, and it is not possible to use existing estates or premises to deliver vaccination clinics, or to use NHS void and vacant space brokered through the contractor's regional NHSE&I team
  - the session is not deemed by NHSE&I to create overprovision in a certain area or at a certain time, to ensure provision of offsite vaccinations are evenly spread
  - in the contractor's professional opinion, the venue is suitable for the provision of pharmaceutical services and the contractor is satisfied that it can meet General Pharmaceutical Council standards and Infection Prevention and Control guidance

- the contractor has enough vaccine to run the offsite clinic and vaccinate expected attendees.

22. 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 within six months of the hire of the venue or by 31 August 2022, whichever date is earlier. Each claim must include the amount being claimed towards unavoidable costs, the reference number(s) from the relevant NHSE&I regional team approving the costs and a declaration that the contractor has met the cost and that they can provide evidence to support the claim if requested by NHSBSA. Payment will be made via the NHSBSA schedule once approved.