

Drug Tariff Part VIC

Community Pharmacy Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service

25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. In agreement with the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the NHSCB will not commission the national Community Pharmacy Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service beyond 31st of March 2023.
29. Final claims for services provided in March must be made via the MYS platform provided by the NHSBSA no later than the 5th of May 2023. Claims may also be submitted in respect of any services that were provided since the 1st of October 2022 that have not already been claimed or paid, provided any such claims are made by the 5th May 2023. Later claims will not be paid.
30. 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.

NHS Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Advanced Service

31. In England, pharmacy contractors who sign up to deliver the NHS Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Advanced Service as an Advanced Service will qualify for a single upfront payment of £440 to support initial costs incurred in setting up the service (including the development of Standard Operating Procedures and training of staff delivering the service).
32. From 1 October 2021, a fee of £15 will be paid for each patient receiving a clinic blood pressure check. A fee of £45 will be paid for each appropriate provision of ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) to a patient in accordance with the requirements of the service. These are set out in directions 7BG and 7BH of the principal Directions and the NHSCB service specification.
33. Additionally, pharmacy contractors who deliver the following minimum number of ABPM checks each year will automatically trigger the relevant incentive payments:
 - 5 ABPM checks between 1 October 2021 and 31 March 2022 in accordance with the service requirements will trigger the payment of an incentive fee of £1,000,
 - 15 ABPM checks between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 in accordance with the service requirements will trigger the payment of an incentive fee of £400,
 - 20 ABPM checks between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 in accordance with the service requirements will trigger the payment of an incentive fee of £400.
34. Contractors who sign up after 1 April 2022 but who deliver the minimum number of ABPM activity thresholds specified for the given financial year will receive £1,000 as a first incentive payment. Furthermore, if a contractor signs up between 1 October 2021 and 31 March 2022 and fails to do 5 ABPM checks, they can earn £1000 by doing 15 ABPM checks between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. No incentive fees will be available after 31 March 2024.

35. The fees will be payable only to contractors meeting the requirements of the service as set out in directions 7BG and 7BH of the principal Directions and the NHSCB service specification including notification of the intention to provide the service to NHSCB by completing an electronic registration through the NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS) platform.
36. Claims for payment should be submitted via the MYS platform provided by the NHSBSA by the 5th of the month following the month in which the chargeable activity was provided. If the contractor fails to submit by this deadline, later submissions will be accepted, but only if made within three months of the date by which the claim should have been submitted. Later claims will not be paid.
37. 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.

NHS Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Advanced Service

38. In England, from 1 November 2022 pharmacy contractors who sign up to deliver the NHS Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Advanced Service will qualify for a single payment of £1000* 30 days after registration on MYS to provide the service, which must include a declaration by the pharmacy contractor of readiness to provide the service. The NHSBSA will make the payment to the pharmacy contractor, in the subsequent payment cycle for other payments for NHS Pharmaceutical Services subject to the payment conditions below (see *).
39. If a contractor wishes to cease provision of this service, they must de-register and provide 30 days' notice. To de-register, the contractor must do so via MYS.
40. Any service activity contractors provide during their notice period will continue to be paid in the usual way.
41. From 10 March 2022, for each patient referred who has a first consultation, a fee of £30 will be paid. Subsequently a fee for each interim consultation with a patient of £10 will be paid. On completion of the last consultation (which may be at any point from and including the four-week review up until the 12-week review) a fee of £40 for each patient will be paid.
42. No consultation fees can be claimed where the pharmacist or pharmacy technician cannot make any contact with the referred patient, or where the patient declines the referral on first contact.
43. The service requirements for this service are set out in directions 7BI and 7BJ of the principal Directions and the NHSCB service specification.
44. The medicines that may be supplied as part of this service are listed below, and only those medicines listed will be eligible for payment.

Generic Name	Pack size
Nicotine 1.5mg lozenges sugar free	60
Nicotine 1.5mg lozenges sugar free	100
Nicotine 10mg/16hours transdermal patches	7
Nicotine 14mg/24hours transdermal patches	7
Nicotine 14mg/24hours transdermal patches	14
Nicotine 15mg inhalation cartridges with device	36
Nicotine 15mg/16hours transdermal patches	7
Nicotine 1mg/dose oromucosal spray sugar free	13.2
Nicotine 1mg/dose oromucosal spray sugar free	26.4
Nicotine 21mg/24hours transdermal patches	7
Nicotine 21mg/24hours transdermal patches	14
Nicotine 25mg/16hours transdermal patches	7

Nicotine 2mg lozenges sugar free	72
Nicotine 2mg lozenges sugar free	80
Nicotine 2mg medicated chewing gum sugar free	96
Nicotine 2mg medicated chewing gum sugar free	105
Nicotine 2mg medicated chewing gum sugar free	210
Nicotine 2mg sublingual tablets sugar free	100
Nicotine 4mg lozenges sugar free	72
Nicotine 4mg lozenges sugar free	80
Nicotine 4mg lozenges sugar free	100
Nicotine 4mg medicated chewing gum sugar free	96
Nicotine 500micrograms/dose nasal spray	10
Nicotine 7mg/24hours transdermal patches	7
Nicotine bitartrate 1mg lozenges sugar free	96
Nicotine bitartrate 1mg lozenges sugar free	144
Nicotine bitartrate 1mg lozenges sugar free	204
Nicotine bitartrate 2mg lozenges sugar free	96
Nicotine bitartrate 2mg lozenges sugar free	144
Nicotine bitartrate 2mg lozenges sugar free	204

45. An expanded version of this list containing additional information is available on the NHSBSA website (<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/nhs-smoking-cessation-service-referral-secondary-care-community-pharmacy>).
46. The cost of those medicines, if supplied as part of the service, will be reimbursed using the basic price specified in the Drug Tariff Part II Clause 8 – Basic Price. No other elements of the Drug Tariff in relation to reimbursement of medicines apply to this service. An allowance at the applicable VAT rate will be paid to cover the VAT incurred when purchasing the supplied medicine.
47. Claims for payments for this service and for reimbursement of costs for items supplied should be made monthly. Contractors registered for the service have two routes available for claiming, and either:
- If the functionality is available, via an assured pharmacy IT system, contractors must use the Manage Your Service platform provided by NHSBSA; or
 - Contractors must download, complete and return the form provided by the NHSBSA on their website (<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/nhs-smoking-cessation-service-referral-secondary-care-community-pharmacy>). Contractors should ensure that they complete the relevant sections, including the Declaration mentioned in paragraph 38 and return the completed form to the NHSBSA at nhsbsa.mys@nhs.net.
48. Claims for payment should be submitted to the NHSBSA by the 5th of the month following the month in which the chargeable activity was provided. If the contractor fails to submit by this deadline, later submissions will be accepted, but only if made within three months of the date by which the claim should have been submitted. Later claims will not be paid.
49. 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.
- *If a contractor wishes to de-register or ceases trading within 30 days of registering, they will not be eligible for a set-up fee payment. If a contractor wishes to de-register or cease trading more than 30 days after registering, they will be eligible for a set-up fee payment.