

NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service – Tier 1 Ongoing Supply of Oral Contraception

51. In England, from 24 April 2023 pharmacy contractors who sign up to deliver the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service Advanced Service will qualify for the first instalment of the preparation fee, which is a single payment of £400.
52. A total of £900 will be paid in the following instalments; £400 paid 30 days after signing up to deliver the service on MYS, £250 paid after claiming the first 5 consultations and £250 paid after claiming a further 5 consultations (a total of 10 consultations claimed). 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.
53. A fee of £18 will be paid per consultation.
54. The service requirements for this service are set out in the [NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service Specification](#).
55. The medicines that may be supplied as part of this service are listed in the [Patient Group Direction \(PGD\)](#) and only those medicines listed will be eligible for payment.
56. 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. The total of basic prices will be added to the total basic price of products dispensed as part of essential services and the total will be subject to discount as per Part I Clause 5B paragraph 1. The allowance for containers and consumables will not apply to products supplied as part of this advanced service. 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 also be paid.
57. Claims for payment should be submitted 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.
58. If a contractor wishes to cease provision of this service, they must de-register and provide 1 month's notice of their intention to do so. To de-register, the contractor must do so via MYS.
59. Any service activity contractors provide during their notice period prior to de-registering will continue to be paid in the usual way. If a pharmacy contractor de-registers from the service or ceases trading within one month of registration, they will not qualify for the £400 set up fee. In this event, if the £400 fee has already been paid to the contractor, this money will be recovered from the contractor.
60. Where IT solutions which meet the minimum digital requirements of the service (as specified within the NHS technical toolkits) are available, contractors must utilise these solutions to support the contraception service via an assured pharmacy IT system.