

Drug Tariff Part VIC

NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)

16. 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 a General Practice referral route into CPCS as part of the Advanced Service.
17. From 15 May 2023 a fee of £14.00 will also be paid in respect of each referral received and completed by the pharmacy contractor via - 999 services or providers of urgent and emergency care who are authorised by NHS England to provide this (for example, Urgent Treatment or Urgent Care Centres, an Emergency Department or an Accident and Emergency Unit) referral routes into CPCS as part of the Advanced Service.
18. Other referrals via NHS 111, IUC CAS, General Practice, 999 services or providers of urgent and emergency care who are authorised by NHS England to provide this (for example, Urgent Treatment or Urgent Care Centres, an Emergency Department or an Accident and Emergency Unit) and requests by patients for emergency supplies that are not part of the Advanced Service, do not attract this fee.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. The fee mentioned in paragraph 16 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.
22. 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.
23. 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 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 six months of the date by which the claim should have been submitted. For referrals completed from 1 May 2023 up to 31 July 2023, later submission will be accepted by 5 December 2023 via MYS. For referrals completed from 1 August 2023, later submission 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.
24. 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.
25. 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*.

*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.