

Drug Tariff Part VIC – Advanced Services(Pharmacy and Appliance Contractors)(England)

NHS Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Advanced Service

32. 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).
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 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.
37. Up to 31 August 2023 claims for payment should be submitted via the MYS platform provided by the NHSBSA, from the 1 September 2023 claims should be submitted via an IT system with an approved API route. Claims should be made 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.
38. 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.