

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS, APPLIANCES AND CHEMICAL REAGENTS**CLAUSE 5C TIMETABLE FOR PAYMENTS FOR ENGLAND****1. Pharmacy Contractors****England only-**

Pharmacy Contractors will be paid monthly via NHSBSA. Payments will be detailed in the FP34 Schedule of Payment, which pharmacy contractors will receive approximately 5 working days before payment.

- (a) Payment timetable for pharmacy contractors that submit their batches and where the FP34C declaration is submitted via MYS by no later than the 5th of the month* following that in which the supply was made.

Pharmacy contractors will receive:

- (i) Advance Payment – 100% advance payment for prescriptions dispensed one month earlier paid from day 8 of the month the prescriptions and the appropriate claim form are submitted for pricing as per Clause 5A 1, 2 and 3 (see Table 3 below).

This payment is based on the total items declared on the FP34C submission document and the latest available average Net Ingredient Cost (NIC) for that pharmacy, less the value of prescription charges collected and declared on the FP34C submission document.

Advance Service Fee Payment – from 1st April 2025 consultation fees for named advanced services will be paid on the same date as the Advance payment (as per Table 3) for dispensed prescriptions. From April, this will include the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and the Pharmacy Contraception Service. Reimbursement for any items supplied in connection with the named advanced services will be factored into the calculation for the Advance payment itself.

Formula for calculating estimated advance payment:

Average Net Ingredient Cost of the prescriptions * x number of items declared on the submission document less the value of prescription charges declared as collected at the rate payable on the date of dispensing.

- (ii) Reconciliation Payment –

- Positive reconciliation – pharmacy contractors will be paid the reconciliation payment on the 1st working day of the month two months after they have submitted the appropriate claim form and prescriptions for pricing.
- Negative reconciliation – NHSBSA will recover the value of the overestimate from the 100% advance payment paid circa 6 working days later than the positive reconciliation (for exact dates see Table 3 below).

Table 3 Payment timetable - From November 2021 (October 2021 prescriptions) for submissions made via MYS

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Advance for dispensed prescriptions												
Planned advance payment date (4 working days after the submission/dispatch deadline*)	10 Jan 25	11 Feb 25	11 Mar 25	10 Apr 25	12 May 25	11 Jun 25	10 Jul 25	11 Aug 25	11 Sep 25	9 Oct 25	11 Nov 25	11 Dec 25
Reconciliation month for dispensed prescriptions	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
** Pay date for reconciled prescriptions - Payment due	31 Jan 25	28 Feb 25	1 Apr 25	1 May 25	30 May 25	1 Jul 25	1 Aug 25	1 Sep 25	1 Oct 25	31 Oct 25	1 Dec 25	31 Dec 25

*Note - Where one or more bank holiday occurs within the first five days of the month, dispatch / submission must be secured by the 6th of that month. As a consequence, this will have an impact on the payment date i.e. it will be 4 working days from the submission/dispatch date deadline.

**Negative reconciliation will be recovered from the next advance payment due.

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(b) Payment timetable in exceptional circumstances

Payment timetable for pharmacy contractors that submit their batches after the 5th of the following month* in which supply was made but before the date outlined in the following link – [Pharmacy payment timetable | NHSBSA](#)

Payments will be made monthly and comprise of the following elements:

1. An estimated 100% advance payment for prescriptions submitted one month earlier (dispensed two months earlier). This payment is based on the total items declared on the FP34C submission document and the latest available average Net Ingredient Cost (NIC) for that pharmacy, less the value of prescription charges collected and declared on the FP34C submission document;

Formula for calculating estimated advance payment

Average Net Ingredient Cost of the prescriptions * x number of items declared on submission document less the value of prescription charges declared as collected at the rate payable on the date of dispensing

2. plus the full value of the priced prescriptions submitted two months earlier (dispensed three months earlier);
3. minus the recovery of the estimated 100% advance payment paid the previous month related to the prescriptions submitted two months earlier (dispensed three months earlier).

For example, August's payment will comprise the 100% advance payment for prescriptions submitted in July (dispensed in June) with the full value of the priced prescriptions less the recovery of the estimated 100% advance payment for prescriptions submitted in June (dispensed in May).

Table 4 Payment timetable in exceptional circumstances - From November 2021 (October 2021 prescriptions)

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Advance for dispensed prescriptions												
Planned advance payment date	31 Jan 25	28 Feb 25	1 Apr 25	1 May 25	30 May 25	1 Jul 25	1 Aug 25	1 Sep 25	1 Oct 25	31 Oct 25	1 Dec 25	31 Dec 25
Reconciliation month for dispensed prescriptions	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
Pay date for reconciled prescriptions - Payment due	31 Jan 25	28 Feb 25	1 Apr 25	1 May 25	30 May 25	1 Jul 25	1 Aug 25	1 Sep 25	1 Oct 25	31 Oct 25	1 Dec 25	31 Dec 25

(i) Payment timetable for pharmacy contractors that submitted their batches after the date outlined in the following link – [Pharmacy payment timetable | NHSBSA](#):

Pharmacy contractors will receive payment with the next reconciliation payment (i.e. there will be no advance payment). For example:

Example 1 - for prescriptions dispensed in November if the FP34C was submitted on 29 December, the pharmacy contractor would not receive the advance payment for November's prescriptions on 1 January, instead they would receive the reconciliation payment for November's prescriptions on 1 February.

Example 2 - for prescriptions dispensed in November if the paper prescriptions arrive at the NHSBSA on 29 December the pharmacy contractor would receive payment for these paper prescriptions according to the payment timetable for the reconciliation payment for December's prescriptions i.e. on 1 March.

Note - Where one or more bank holiday occurs within the first five days of the month, dispatch / submission must be secured by the 6th of that month. As a consequence only batches submitted after the 6th will be processed in line with exceptional circumstances timetable.

Note: For May 2022 prescriptions, contractors must secure dispatch by 7 June 2022, only batches submitted after 7 June will be processed in line with exceptional circumstances timetable.