

Community Pharmacy Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service

45. In England, pharmacy contractors who sign up to deliver the NHS Community Pharmacy Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service as an Advanced Service will qualify for a single upfront payment of £250+VAT to support initial costs incurred in setting up the service (including the development of Standard Operating Procedures and training of all staff involved in delivery of the service).
46. From 4 October 2021 the following fees will apply:
 - a fee of £1.70+VAT will be paid for each completed transaction of the supply of a box or up to two boxes of Covid-19 Lateral Flow Devices from the pharmacy for self-administration at home to a person, whether for themselves and/or others, where the contractor submits a 16-digit collect code* provided by the person collecting,
 - A fee of £1.20+VAT will be paid for each completed transaction of the supply of a box or up to two boxes of Covid-19 Lateral Flow Devices from the pharmacy for self-administration at home to a person, whether for themselves and/or others, where there is no 16 digit collect code*.
47. 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 requirements are set out in directions 7BE and 7BF of the principal Directions and the service specification.
48. Contractors do not have to claim for payments for this service. Payments will be calculated by NHSBSA from the submissions submitted by contractors via the MYS portal and outlined in the service specification from the submissions received at the end of the fifth day of the following month in line with the Drug Tariff.
49. The NHSBSA will make appropriate payments to the pharmacy contractor, on a 4 or 5 weekly cycle, corresponding to the same payment month as other payments for NHS Pharmaceutical Services and the payments will be separately itemised on the FP34 Schedule of Payments.
50. A review of the Community Pharmacy Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service will be undertaken towards the end of 2021.

* People can access a collect code for the collection of tests via the Community Pharmacy Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service by registering on gov.uk or by calling 119.