

## New Medicine Service

### Monthly Fee

1. A monthly payment will be paid for each completed full-service intervention. The fee per intervention will be dependent on the number of interventions achieved for the month and whether any target has been achieved based on the monthly prescription volume of the pharmacy. The amount paid per service intervention starts at £20 but will increase with the volume of interventions subject to a target level being achieved and an overall cap of 1% of monthly prescription volume.
2. Additionally, to support patients who were prescribed a new medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic, but who did not receive the New Medicine Service (NMS) at that time, a catch-up NMS may be offered to eligible patients between 1st September 2021 and 31st March 2022 in line with the service specification.
3. Contractors can offer patients meeting the following criteria a catch-up NMS:
  - The patient had a medication which falls into any of the eligible therapeutic categories listed in the service specification, newly prescribed for them between 1st April 2020 and 31st August 2021; and
  - The patient had not previously received an NMS in respect of that prescribed medicine when it was originally prescribed.
4. The payment to be made per service intervention and the number of interventions required per month to reach a target can be found in Table 1 below. Standard and catch-up NMS will count towards the target in line with the service specification. If contractors fail to reach the first target level (10%) then all full-service interventions provided will be paid at £20 each.
5. Where a target level is reached, all of the full-service interventions provided up to that point are paid at the rate corresponding to the target. For example, where a pharmacy with a monthly prescription volume between 3501 to 4500 delivers 10 service interventions in the month (achieving the 20% target rate) all 10 interventions will be reimbursed at the 20% rate of £26 each.
6. The claim for activity for each month must be made by submitting the appropriate form to the Pricing Authority no later than the 5th of the following month. The last claim date for activity for catch-up NMS must be made no later than the 5th of April 2022.

Table 1										
Volume of prescription items per month	Number of full service interventions per month necessary to achieve each target									Maximum number of full service interventions per month for which payment will be received
	10% target £25 per full service intervention	20% target £26 per full service intervention	30% target £27 per full service intervention	40% target £28 per full service intervention	50% target £28 per full service intervention	60% target £28 per full service intervention	70% target £28 per full service intervention	80% target £28 per full service intervention	90% target £28 per full service intervention	
0-1500	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1501-2500	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20
2501-3500	3-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24-26	27-29	30
3501-4500	4-7	8-11	12-15	16-19	20-23	24-27	28-31	32-35	36-39	40
4501-5500	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50
5501-6500	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-29	30-35	36-41	42-47	48-53	54-59	60
6501-7500	7-13	14-20	21-27	28-34	35-41	42-48	49-55	56-62	63-69	70
7501-8500	8-15	16-23	24-31	32-39	40-47	48-55	56-63	64-71	72-79	80
8501-9500	9-17	18-26	27-35	36-44	45-53	54-62	63-71	72-80	81-89	90
9501-10500	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100
+1000	(+1)-(+2)	(+2)-(+3)	(+3)-(+4)	(+4)-(+5)	(+5)-(+6)	(+6)-(+7)	(+7)-(+8)	(+8)-(+9)	(+9)-(+10)	(+10)