

**8. Essential pharmaceutical service – fee ensuring home delivery during the Covid-19 outbreak (England only)**

8.1 Pharmacy contractors, who dispense the stated number of prescription items or more in any month (regardless of how many items they actually deliver to patient’s homes) and who are located in a postcode area specified in NHS England and NHS Improvement’s announcement for the relevant time period, will receive a fee based on the number of days for which they are required to ensure prescription items can be delivered to eligible patients as outlined in NHS England and Improvement’s announcement to the effect that eligible patients in the specified areas should stay away from pharmacies for reasons relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.

8.2 Pharmacy contractors, who dispense 101 prescription items or more in any month (regardless of how many items they actually deliver to patient’s homes) and who are located in a postcode area specified in NHS England and NHS Improvement’s announcement for the relevant time period, will receive the following daily payment adjusted for the number of days for which they are required to ensure prescription items can be delivered to eligible patients for reasons relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. For example, if the requirement was in place in their postcode area for 5 days in a given month and a pharmacy contractor is in the 101 to 2,500 item band, they would receive a payment of £6.05. The daily payment corresponding to the six item bands are as following:

Number of items per month	Daily Payment from 1 April 2020
0 - 100	£0
101 - 2,500	£1.21
2,501 - 5,000	£14.14
5,001 - 12,500	£17.86
12,501 - 19,167	£19.36
19,168+	£20.11

8.3 Payments for ensuring home delivery during Covid-19 pandemic as outlined above do not apply to distance selling premises.