

DISPENSING COMPENSATION MECHANISM 2023/24

The Dispensing compensation mechanism for 2023/24 has now been agreed.

- The new process will cover the period from 1 April 2023 and contractors will be able to make retrospective claims back to 1 April 2023.
- The dispensing compensation payment is payable to any contractor that experiences a reduction in prescription volume in the relevant month and the reduction is attributable to changes in GP prescribing specifically related to increases to the period of treatment. The reduction in prescription volume must be greater than 7% when compared to the average prescription volume in the period April 2021 to March 2022 (the reference period) plus 1.59% (1.59% = the national growth in prescription items seen in 2022/23).
- The prescription volume in the relevant month must also be lower than the prescription volume in the same month in the reference period.
- The value of the dispensing compensation payment is calculated as the difference between the actual payment in the relevant month and the average monthly payment made to the pharmacy in the reference period, less 7%. The calculation includes professional fees only and for the avoidance of doubt excludes any establishment payments and practice payments in both the reference and relevant period.
- The payment will be claimed through NECAF and the form to make the declaration for the months April to August 2023 will be available as of 1 September 2023, with a deadline of submission of 30 September 2023. Payment for this month will be made alongside the August schedule. (All claims must be made by 30 September 2023 – late claims will not be paid)
- From 1 October the form to complete will relate to the previous month, will need to be completed by the last day of the month (late claims will not be paid) and will be paid alongside the relevant month's schedule i.e. in October you will complete the declaration for September by 31 October and the payment will be made in September's schedule.

The below is a copy of the screenshot to make the claim:

Dispensing Compensation

Declaration

<input type="checkbox"/> All	Period
<input type="checkbox"/>	April
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	June
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	July
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	August

The 'Total Items' column below relates to the latest three month period preceding the claim period.

Practice	Total Items
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	19,802
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	18,404
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	9,040
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	7,408
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	3,936
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	821
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	670
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	574
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	337
<input type="checkbox"/> [Redacted]	95

Please select the practices that apply to the declaration below

I hereby declare.

- The decrease is due to a change in period of treatment by local GP practices that I have selected from the list above.
- The decrease is not due to a temporary closure.
- The decrease is not due to a change in business practices.

My pharmacy is not part of the Essential Small Pharmacy Scheme (ESPS)

Gphc No: (Optional)

Name: