PRESGRIPSIWN NEWYDD TRANSFORMATION PAYMENT 2025/26

What is the purpose of the scheme?

From 1 April 2025, the scheme will recognise contractors who have embraced the broader ambitions of *Presgripsiwn Newydd (A New Prescription)*, those who have adapted their business models, reshaped their workforce, and shown a sustained commitment to delivering clinical services.

The scheme comprises three elements:

1. A payment for extending the average prescription duration to 35 days or more.
2. A payment for employing one or more registered pharmacy technicians.
3. A payment for contractors commissioned to deliver all three Directed Clinical Services:
   – Discharge Medicines Review Service
   – Clinical Community Pharmacy Service
   – Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Service.

What does each element of the scheme involve?

1. Extended Prescription Period of Treatment Element – No NECAF claim

Contractors will qualify for payment if, in the final month of each relevant quarter (June, September, December, and March), the average period of treatment for dispensed items is 35 days or more.

No NECAF claim is required. NWSSP will calculate the average prescription interval for the relevant month and issue payments automatically to contractors who meet the threshold.

The agreed AWTTC basket of medicines will be used to calculate the average prescription interval. The £0.125m quarterly allocation will be shared equally among all contractors who meet the eligibility criteria.

2. Pharmacy Technician Element – NECAF claim required

Contractors are eligible for payment if they **employ one or more registered pharmacy technicians** on the final day of the relevant quarter (June, September, December, and March).

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The £0.125m quarterly allocation will be divided equally among contractors who **submit a NECAF declaration** for the relevant quarter confirming they meet the criteria outlined.

3. Directed Clinical Services Element – No NECAF claim

Contractors will be eligible for payment where the contractor is commissioned to provide The Discharge Medicines Review Service, The Clinical Community Pharmacy Service and the Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Service on the last day of the relevant quarter (June, September, December and March).

Contractors will **not be required to make a NECAF claim** for this element. The NWSSP All Wales Pharmacy Database will be used to calculate the payment to eligible contractors.

The allocation of £0.125m per quarter will be distributed equally to all contractors who meet the criteria set out above.

NECAF Claim Screen

The NECAF claiming screen for the Pharmacy Technician Element of this scheme will go-live in January 2026 and we will share further detail at that time.

Change of Ownership

When a pharmacy changes ownership, payment will be made to the contractor whose name appears on the Health Board Pharmaceutical List on the last day of the relevant quarter (June, September, December, or March), provided the eligibility criteria are met.

Contractors removed from the Pharmaceutical List before the final day of the quarter will not be eligible for payment for that period.

Newly awarded pharmacy contracts will be eligible for payment, where all criteria are met, if the contractor is listed on the Health Board Pharmaceutical List on the last day of the relevant quarter.