

Reimbursement for Specials - Key Facts
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For items included in Part 7S

1. Prices for a number of commonly used specials have been added to the Drug Tariff.
2. The price has been set at a level which is expected to cover out of pocket expenses unless exceptional circumstances occur (see Key Fact 5).
3. No separate fees (including out of pocket expenses) will be paid.
4. The prices will be reviewed quarterly.
5. In exceptional circumstances, where next day dispensing is considered to be necessary and this will result in additional costs, then preauthorisation must be obtained from the NHS Board.

For items not included in Part 7S

1. Items available from any NHS manufacturing unit in Scotland/England/Wales do not require pre-authorisation.
2. Full payment for specials not listed in Part 7S, items not available from an NHS manufacturing unit and imported unlicensed medicines will only be made where pre- authorisation has been obtained from the NHS Board. Pre-authorisation will normally last for 12 months when the cost of the product does not vary by more than 20%.
3. Payment for specials not listed in Part 7S or imported unlicensed medicines will be made on the basis of the price endorsed using SP. The price endorsed should be invoice price less any discount or rebate obtained.
4. Dispensing of these items will attract a fixed handling charge for contractors of £30 which should be endorsed on paper and electronically as "hc 3000".
5. Any out of pocket expenses or wholesaler handling charges should be endorsed on paper and electronically as "xp" with the appropriate value entered in "pence".
6. Contractors are asked to supply supporting information (e.g. invoice) to Practitioner Services.
7. For full details see the framework for authorisation.

For All Special Preparations and Unlicensed Imported Products

1. All items dispensed will be treated as Zero Discount items.
2. Contractors are asked to keep records of supplies made for 5 years.

Example Endorsed Prescription

GP10(SS)(5)		NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SCOTLAND)	
Name	Ms A Example		
Address	42 Queen Street, Edinburgh		
Age if under 12 yrs.			
Yrs / Mths	Postcode	EH2	3NH
No. of Days Treatment	CHI No.	123456789	Pharmacy Stamp
 A435 0400 02B3 PCLP	Levomepromazine 6mg tablets send <28> tablets Label: Take one daily <9536311000001104>		Dispensing Endorsements Pack Size <i>Numbers only</i> SP 6400 HC 3000 PP 2250 Pack Size <i>Numbers only</i> Pack Size <i>Numbers only</i>
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	Signature of Doctor		Date
Dr A Prescriber		15Apr2014	
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In the example above the pharmacy have endorsed the special price for the drug of £63, the fixed non part 7s handling charge of £30 and additional costs of £22.50. These endorsements have all been added in pence in the format 'pppp'.