



Understanding Prescription Charges

PART 3

In this article on the PCSE Drug Statements we will be dealing with Understanding Advance and Advance Recovery. It may be easier to download the statement from the PCSE Online portal as an Excel or CSV file.

Header				
D000001	30/06/2023	67335.45		
0	0	69987.7	-2652.25	
Drugs				
Drugs (Dispensing)	Total	67335.45		
Paycode	Description	Source		£
DRGD	Dispensing GPs - Cost of Drugs	COM	52719.36	
DRGDPF	Dispensing GPs - Professional Fees	COM	17268.34	
DRGPRX	Prescription charges collected and remied by GPs - contra	COM	-2652.25	
Quarter Payment Date	01/07/2023			
Number of Forms	3313			
Number of Prescripons	7647			
Number of Items Referred Back/Disallowed	20			
Total Credits	Total	123775.04		
Paycode	Description	Source	Unit Cost	£
DRGD	Basic Prices	COM		48322.94
DRGDPF	Dispensing Fees	COM	228	3504.36
DRGDPF	Dispensing Fees	COM	244.1	1371.84
DRGDPF	Dispensing Fees	COM	222.6	6466.53
DRGDPF	Dispensing Fees	COM	224.2	5925.61
DRGD	VAT	COM		1556.86
DRGD	Advances for Prescriptions	COM	9435	56626.9
Total Debits	Total	56439.59		
Paycode	Description	Source	Unit Cost	£
DRGD	Discount	COM	11.18	5402.49
	Advance No. Charges Item		286	0
	Amt Current Charge Rate		133	1283.45
	Amt Current Charge Rate		63	607.95
	Amt Current Charge Rate		53	511.45
	Amt Current Charge Rate		21	202.65
	Amt Prev Charge Rate		0	0
	Amt Prev Charge Rate		1	18.7
	Amt Prev Charge Rate		3	28.05
DRGD	Advance Recover for	COM		48384.85
DRGD	Previous Interim Amount	COM		0
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GP Code	686957			
Employee PM				
Month of Claim	Apr-23			
CTP Payment Date	01/07/2023			
Prescribing/Dispensing (P/D)	D			

Using the provided example, Payments made at the end of June 23, relating to Prescriptions processed during April 23 and sent to NHSBSA at the beginning of May 23, you can see the **Advance for Prescriptions** in the Credit section and the **Advance Recover for** in the Debit section.

The **Advance for Prescriptions** is paid in the month of the statement – in this case at the end of June 23.

The Calculation for the Advance is complex and is as follows:

The previous Month's Basic Price PLUS Dispensing Fees PLUS VAT Equivalent MINUS Discount (Clawback) - March 23's figures.

This Total is the divided by the Number of Prescriptions counted (not Declared) for March 23. This gives an Average Cost per Item (in pounds and pence). The average cost per Item (for March 23) is then multiplied by the Number of Items Declared for April 23 - **9435**

The Total is then multiplied by 80%.

From this the Value of the Declared Charges (for April 23) is subtracted – in this case **286** x £9.65 (£2759.90)

The following month's Statement (end of July 23) will take the June 23's **Advance** and **Recover** the exact amount within the Debit section. If you have a month with a late submission of your scripts to NHSBSA, they will assume you had ZERO prescriptions declared and you will therefore get NO Advance for that month. Please note that your prescription submission MUST reach NHSBSA BY the 5th of the month! This can cause a huge cash flow issue.

Next month we will look at Referred Back Items and Disallowed Items.