



Understanding the PCSE Online Drug Statement

PART 1

In this article on the Drug Statements we will be dealing with Understanding Prescription Charges taken by the practice compared with Prescription Charges deemed to have been taken by NHSBSA. It may be easier to download the statement as an Excel spreadsheet.

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D000001	30/06/2023	67335.45		
0	0	69987.7	-2652.25	
Drugs				
Drugs (Dispensing)	Total	67335.45		
Paycode	Descrion	Source	£	
DRGD	Dispensing GPs - Cost of Drugs	COM	52719.36	
DRGDPF	Dispensing GPs - Professional Fees	COM	17268.34	
DRGPRX	Prescripon 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	Descrion	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 Prescripons	COM	9435	56626.9
Total Debits	Total	56439.59		
Paycode	Descrion	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	01/07/202			
Prescribing/Dispensing (P/D)	3 D			

Looking at this example:

All fields highlighted in yellow relate to the Month Prescription Charges were deemed to have been taken by NHSBSA.

The month which these items have been deducted from the Reimbursement is highlighted in Green – End of June/ Beginning of July.

The Advance number of Charges – highlighted in Blue are the number of Charges you declared you collected during the month of May. This figure is used to calculate the Advance. It can however also be used to reconcile the number of Prescription Charges actually taken against the number of Prescription Charges deemed to have been take (Amt Current Charge Rate and Amt Prev Charge Rate).

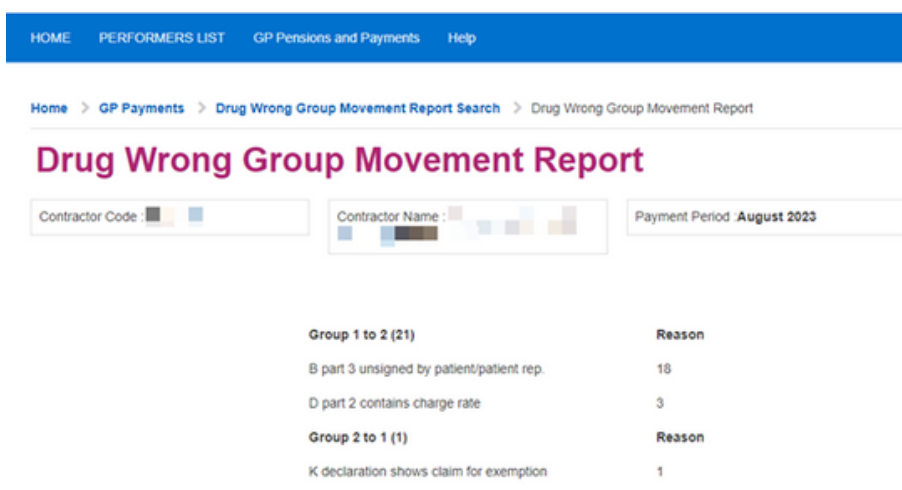
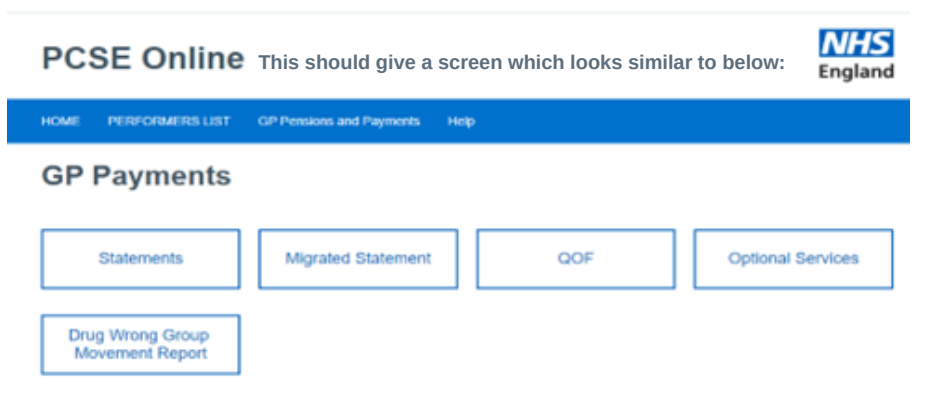
This Spreadsheet can be used to reconcile Prescription Charges and highlight any discrepancies quickly.

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Month Prescription Charges Deemed to have been taken	Total No. of Charges Taken by NHSBSA	Total Charges Taken by NHSBSA in £	Month in which Charges Actually Taken by the practice	Total Number of Charges	Charges Actually Taken in £
Apr-23	274	£2,652.25	Apr-23		
May-23			May-23	286	£2,759.90
Jun-23			Jun-23		
Jul-23			Jul-23		
Aug-23			Aug-23		
Sep-23			Sep-23		
Oct-23			Oct-23		
Nov-23			Nov-23		
Dec-23			Dec-23		
Jan-24			Jan-24		
Feb-24			Feb-24		
Mar-24			Mar-24		
Apr-24			Apr-24		
May-24			May-24		

There may be many reasons why there are discrepancies between Charges Taken and Charges Deemed to be taken and Downloading the Wrong Movements from PCSE will help you see which way items have been moved ie. From Paid to Unpaid, or From Unpaid to Paid.

On the PCSE Online screen, click on the Drug Wrong Group Movement Report



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Movement from Paid to Unpaid (Group 2 to 1):

The most common reason is Items which are deemed PAs by NHSBSA and should have no prescription charge.

Movement from Unpaid to Paid (Group 1 to 2):

This is the worrying movement as you can easily lose thousands of pounds a year.

The most common reason for this movement is the lack of a squiggle, valid signature, mark or indication AND tick in the appropriate boxes on the back of the prescription. If you have a tick and NO squiggle, signature/mark or indication (even a handwritten cross or squiggle will count) in the Patient or Representative signature box, all the relevant items will be moved to Paid. If you have a squiggle, signature, mark or indication but NO box is ticked (unless the patient is age exempt) then all relevant items will be moved to Paid.

Occasionally some prescriptions eg Combined HRT should have 2 Prescription charges taken and only one has been taken. A list of common items which have more than one prescription charge can be found in Part XVI of the Drug Tariff - Notes on Charges

NHSBSA AUTOMATICALLY IGNORE THE BACK OF THE SCRIPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- AGE EXEMPTION < 16 or > 60

NHSBSA AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE COLLECTED THE PRESCRIPTION CHARGE ON THE FOLLOWING:

- PERSONALLY ADMINISTERED ITEMS
- FREE OF CHARGE CONTRACEPTION

ALL THE REST NEED EITHER A CHARGE RATE ADDED, IF A CHARGE HAS BEEN COLLECTED, OR ONE OF THE BOXES TICKED AND A SQUIGGLE IN THE SIGNATURE BOX

If
NO BOX TICKED
 OR
NO SQUIGGLE IN SIGNATURE BOX

Then:



Next time we will look at Understanding the months to which reimbursement and remuneration apply.