

WPC MEMBER SURVEY - Funding & Payment Structures

RESPONSE - IRELAND

INTRODUCTION

This survey is designed to provide WPC members with a better understanding of funding and formal payment structures for community pharmacy in each WPC country. This includes payments for dispensing, payments for pharmacy services, and other general or specific purpose payments that are specific to community pharmacy.

The survey does not seek to collect specific fee levels or payment amounts. The focus is on the structure and types of payments, and on what is paid for by each funding stream, and on the relative significance of each component. The focus is not on comparing funding levels or fee amounts.

In some countries the funding arrangements may vary significantly between states, regions or funders. This survey is not intended to capture every variation. As far as possible, please provide the most appropriate answer in a national context.

The results of this survey will not be made public. Findings will be distributed only to WPC members only, for your internal use.

Responses, and any questions relating to this survey, should be emailed to the WPC Chief Economist at stephen.armstrong@worldpharmacycouncil.org. If possible, responses would be appreciated by 31 March 2021. Thank you.

DEFINITIONS

To guide your completion of this questionnaire, please read the following definitions.

Fee-for service payments

Fee-for-service payments have traditionally been the most common types of payments in the community pharmacy context (and also in most other healthcare settings) and are an amount paid per occasion of service.

Capitation-style payments (including casemix or bundled payments)

Capitation-style payments are those calculated based on the number of patients (and/or the types of patients, as in a casemix model) rather than on the number of occasions of service. Capitation-style payments may be bundled payments that cover more than one service type (this may also be the case with outcomes-based payments or lump-sum payments).

Outcomes-based payments (including performance-based or value-based payments)

In an outcomes-based model, payments (or payment levels) depend on defined measures of performance, benchmarks or targets. These may include direct or indirect measurements of patient outcomes, or metrics related to quality.

Lump sum payments per pharmacy

Lump sum payments are amounts per pharmacy paid at regular intervals (eg. monthly, quarterly or annually) to either all pharmacies or particular groups of eligible pharmacies. Lump sum payments differ from Capitation-style or Outcome-based payments in that the amounts are not related to the number of patients serviced or to any specific performance measure. Examples of lump sum payments include payments made to all registered pharmacies, or to all pharmacies that are registered for a particular program. The amount of lump sum payments may vary from pharmacy to pharmacy based on certain criteria (but will not vary directly in proportion to service volume, as that would make it a fee-for-service).

Section 1 - Dispensing

Fees and other payments for dispensing are those amounts that are additional to the cost price of the medicine, and represent a gross profit margin on the dispensing service.

Please note that this question is *not* referring to the pharmacy's purchase price of the medicine. It is referring only to amounts additional to the purchase price, that are intended to ensure the viability of the dispensing service.

Question 1.1 - Through what process(es) are fees and/or other payments for dispensing determined? (please select all that apply):

Select those that apply	Method for determining fee or payment level for <u>dispensing</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regulation/legislation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formal negotiation at a national, state or regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Analysis of the cost of dispensing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial negotiation between individual pharmacies (or groups of pharmacies) and the payer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consumer-focused competition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify): ⇒ consumer focused for private prescriptions outside state schemes

Question 1.2 – What is/are the most common fee or payment structure(s) for dispensing in your country? (please select all that apply):

Select all that apply	Fee or payment structure for <u>dispensing</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flat fee(s) per item dispensed (this may include additional amounts for specific categories of drugs)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Differential fees depending on whether the dispensing is an original (first-time or acute) or repeat (refill)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Differential fees depending on the total number of items dispensed on one occasion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Differential fees depending on the total number of items dispensed annually by the pharmacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Differential fee depending on the period of treatment dispensed (for example, higher fees for more than one month's quantity)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific fee or differential fee for generic substitution or dispensing a generic medicine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark-up or margin on the cost price of the medicine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capitation-style payments (including casemix or bundled payments)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outcomes-based payments (including performance-based or value-based payments)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lump sum payments per pharmacy (not linked to prescription numbers, patient numbers or to outcomes, performance or value)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unregulated or semi-regulated fees/charges/surcharges <u>paid by patients</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify): ⇒

Question 1.3

In relation to dispensing, are different payment structures or levels applicable for specific types of pharmacy (only include those pharmacies supplying to the community, not hospital pharmacies), such as those listed below?

Distance-selling or internet/mail-order pharmacies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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Centralised or hub-and-spoke dispensing models	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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Rural or remote location pharmacies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (please briefly describe): ⇒	
Pharmacies servicing care facilities for aged people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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Specialised pharmacies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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Other (please specify):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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Question 1.4

Please briefly describe the market situation with regard to purchasing of prescription-only medicines by pharmacies. Specifically, please briefly cover the following points:

- What, if any, regulations exist with regard to the purchase price of prescription-only medicines?

The reimbursement price of medicines and medical devices, nutritional products that are reimbursable under community drug schemes is outlined in the HEALTH (PRICING AND SUPPLY OF MEDICAL GOODS) ACT 2013.

(<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2013/act/14/enacted/en/html>) . “ingredient cost”, in relation to a medicinal product, means the cost of the product arrived at by adding together— (a) the ex-factory price of the product, and (b) the wholesale mark-up (if any) of the product.

These prices are set under S.I. No 300 of 2011 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS TO COMMUNITY PHARMACY CONTRACTORS) REGULATIONS 2011(<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2011/si/300/made/en/pdf>) – which outlines the following:

“ingredient cost” means— (a) in the case of fridge items, the ex-factory price together with a wholesale mark-up of 12 per cent, and (b) in the case of any other drug item, the ex-factory price together with a wholesale mark-up of 8 per cent; “reimbursement price”, with respect to a particular non-drug item at a particular time, means the amount specified by the Health Service Executive in the list of reimbursable items which is published on its website;

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- Is there a regulated cap or limit on the amount of purchasing margin made/retained by pharmacies?

No

- Are reimbursement prices regularly reviewed in response to changes in market prices?

Not currently reviewed in responses to market prices but a process is in place to review prices at a set time i.e. when a product comes off patent and then at its anniversary, prices are based on EU basket prices. The detail of this process is set out in the HEALTH (PRICING AND SUPPLY OF MEDICAL GOODS) ACT 2013. (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2013/act/14/enacted/en/html>) and the agreement in place with pharmaceutical suppliers called the IPHA agreement – Framework agreement on the supply and pricing of medicines

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cpu/iphaagreement2016.pdf>, this agreement is currently under review.

- Does the government (or do other third party payers) conduct a competitive process amongst drug manufacturers to determine prices and/or which products are available to be funded?

Yes the IPHA agreement as mentioned above – is currently in place since 2016 was due for renewal after 4 years but delay at moment due to pandemic but progress is being made at present to renegotiate this agreement. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cpu/about.html>

Question 1.5

Questions 1.1 to 1.4 provided a high level overview of funding arrangements for dispensing. If you think other details would be useful to WPC members to allow a better overall understanding of your country's funding model for dispensing, please provide further details below:

⇒ Separate arrangements are in place for dispensing of high tech medicines and for methadone dispensing. High tech arrangement is a monthly patient care fee and patients are linked to one pharmacy only. The methadone scheme has a patient care fee and then a per item dispensed fee so more mixed model.

Please continue to Section 2 below.

Section 2 - Payments for services related to dispensing/supply

This section relates to payments received for add-on or associated services that are related to individual occasions of dispensing/supply.

Question 2.1 - please complete the table below

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Section 3 - Payments for other services

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	Payment per provision of emergency hormonal contraception service without a prescription from a general practitioner €11.50 plus dispensing fee as applicable – payment even if supply of EHC is not deemed appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Lump sum	<input type="checkbox"/> individual pharmacies (or groups of pharmacies) and the payer <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer-focused competition <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): ⇒	

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Section 4 - Payments not relating to specific services (including payments relating to quality, standards or pharmacy accreditation)

This section relates to any other fees or payments made to some or all community pharmacies as part of formal arrangements, which are not specifically related to dispensing or to other services. These may include, but are not limited to, payments relating to staff training, records, compliance with premises standards or other general quality measures. It may also include payments for specific groups of pharmacies, such as those in rural areas.

Under each of the following headings, please briefly describe any fees or payments that are not related to dispensing or to other services (and therefore have not been covered in earlier sections). If there are no payments in the category, simply write "None".

Question 4.1 – Please complete the table below

Type of payment	Description(s) and payment source(s) (only include significant payments that have not been included in previous sections)
Capitation-style payments (including casemix or bundled payments)	Only exception not mentioned is for dispensing to a doctor on a stock order form that us a mark up model i.e. 20% if ingredient cost http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2019/si/639/made/en/pdf
Outcomes-based, performance-based or value-based payments	

Type of payment	Description(s) and payment source(s) (only include significant payments that have not been included in previous sections)
Lump sum payments per pharmacy, including establishment or infrastructure payments or subsidies (such as for IT, automation, consultation infrastructure and staff training) <small>(Note: Lump sum payments may include payments that vary from pharmacy to pharmacy based on certain criteria, but not in direct proportion to service volume)</small>	Pharmacies can claim a grant of up to €6,350 for costs incurred for adapting premises to facilitate methadone dispensing. This can be claimed once and then again after 6 years if more improvements are need. Training grant maximum allowed yearly per pharmacy contractor is €1,270 only can used against agreed courses https://ipu.ie/wp-content/uploads/mediavault/2016/12/HSE-PCRS-Circular-004.16-re-Pharmacy-Training-Grant-23Feb16.pdf

Section 5 - Relative size of funding components

Question 5.1

Of all of the fees and other payments that you have listed in this document, please list the top five in order of value for a typical community pharmacy in your country. For example, a list may be (1) dispensing fees, (2) payments for medication reviews, (3) outcomes-based quality payments, etc.

In the right hand column, please provide your best estimate of the proportion of overall third-party funding (government and insurer) each of the listed fees or payments represents for a typical (average) community pharmacy. A rough estimate will be fine, as this is only to provide a guide as to the relative importance of each fee/payment.

Rank	Fee or payment name	Approximate or estimated percentage of overall Government and other Third Party funding represented by this fee or payment*
1	Dispensing fees	50%
2	High Tech Patient Care Fee	7%
3	Methadone Higher and Lower Patient Care Fee	5%
4	Vaccination	2%

5	Pharmacy Training Grant	0.2%
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Section 6 – Process for review, adjustment or indexation of payments

Question 6.1

As briefly as possible, please describe any process that exists to review, adjust or index the amounts paid **for the top five services you listed in the previous question**. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Renegotiation after a set period of time
- Annual adjustment based on an inflation measure
- Adjustment within a fixed or pre-determined pool of funding

Fee or payment number corresponding to your Question 5.1 response	Method of review or adjustment for amounts paid	
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renegotiation after a set period of time
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual adjustment based on an inflation measure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjustment within a fixed or pre-determined pool of funding
	Other, and/or further details:	
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renegotiation after a set period of time
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual adjustment based on an inflation measure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjustment within a fixed or pre-determined pool of funding
	Other, and/or further details:	
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renegotiation after a set period of time

Fee or payment number corresponding to your Question 5.1 response	Method of review or adjustment for amounts paid	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual adjustment based on an inflation measure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjustment within a fixed or pre-determined pool of funding
	Other, and/or further details:	
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renegotiation after a set period of time
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjustment within a fixed or pre-determined pool of funding
	Other, and/or further details:	
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renegotiation after a set period of time
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual adjustment based on an inflation measure
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	Other, and/or further details:	

Question 6.2

What (if any) changes to payment models and structures are currently being discussed or pushed in your country, or are likely to be discussed or pushed in the foreseeable future? Please include any changes that your organisation is seeking, as well as those that may be being pushed by other parties such as government or other payers.

Answer:

The IPU are currently seeking a renegotiation of our contract with the Department of Health, and commitments were made in the programme for government for this to commence in 2020, however, the current public health emergency has delayed progress. We are seeking an increase in current fees and an expansion of the role of the community pharmacist aligned to the Governments Sláintecare 10 year health strategy. We are also seeking an indexing of these fees and investment in pharmacy service development. The current fee structures have remained relatively static since 2011 with an increase in fees negotiated for influenza vaccination in 2020.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. Please email your completed response to stephen.armstrong@worldpharmacycouncil.org.