

Healthy Start reimbursement values fact sheet

What has changed?

In April 2019, the NHS Supply Chain introduced a change to the costs of Healthy Start vitamins. Organisations that are Centrally Funded Customers (CFCs) will be able to purchase the vitamins for distribution at the same cost that NHS Supply Chain procured them for, this is referred to as “Buy Price = Sell Price.” In turn this means that there is a lower cost for Healthy Start vitamins for CFCs. The price of vitamin orders remains the same for organisations that are Non Centrally Funded Customers (NCFCs).

How to find out if your organisation orders in a centrally-funded or non-centrally funded way

CFCs are NHS Provider Organisations who will experience a reduction in their central funding, as this is used to fund the NHS Supply Chain operating model. CFCs receive Buy Price = Sell Price from 1 April 2019.

NCFCs will not experience a reduction in their central funding. This is because no funds are applied to NHS Supply Chain operating model. These are split into NHS NCFCs and Non NHS NCFCs.

If a trust or subsidiary organisation is wholly owned by one or more CFCs or NHS Provider organisations which are making a tariff contribution, then it will be subject to Buy Price = Sell Price.

Your invoice provided by NHS Supply Chain states if you are a CFC or NCFC and details the charges incurred for Healthy Start vitamins.

Centrally Funded Organisation

- Childrens vitamin Drops - £15.42 per pack of 12 (£1.29 per bottle)
- Women’s vitamin tablets - £3.60 per pack of 6 (60p per bottle)

Non Centrally Funded Organisation

- Childrens vitamin Drops - £18.26 per pack of 12 (£1.52 per bottle)
- Women’s vitamin tablets - £4.44 per pack of 6 (74p per bottle)

What does this mean for future vitamin reimbursement claims?

From Q2 2019, we will provide two return forms via email and available on the resources section of our website. The return forms are in PDF format. You will need to complete the correct return form depending on whether your organisation is a CFC or NCFC. This will ensure that you receive the correct payment for vitamins supplied during the quarter. Please supply the same information as in previous quarters.

Should you require clarification on whether or not you are a CFC or NCF, please contact the NHS Supply Chain Customer Readiness team via NHSSC_Customer_Readiness@DHSC.gov.uk