

Understanding the EPS R2 Claim Schedule

The EPS R2 claim schedule determines when you will get payment for the current calendar month. You can only claim a prescription for payment once a dispense notification (also referred to as a DN) and a claim message for the prescription have been sent to the NHS Spine.

The cut-off date for sending a **dispense notification is before or on the end of the month, so either the 28th, 29th, 30th or 31st of the month, depending on the month and year.**

The cut-off date for sending a **claim is before midnight on the 5th of the month after the month you want your claim to apply for.**



You need to send both the dispense notification and the claim message before their respective cut-off dates for the current calendar month. If either of them is sent too late, the claim will apply for the next calendar month.

We recommend that you review the attached factsheet produced by the PSNC, which explains how to reduce the risk of delays to payment which can be caused by not claiming for EPS prescriptions on time.

PSNC – Claiming for EPS Prescriptions On Time <https://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Claiming-for-EPS-prescriptions-on-time-factsheet-1.pdf>

Claim Case Scenario 1

The dispense notification was sent before the 31st of January (in this example, the 28th). This means you have until the 5th of February to send your claim. If the claim is indeed sent before midnight on the 5th of February (in this example, the 4th), **your claim applies for January.**

	Dispense notification sent before the end of January (28 th of January)
	Claim message sent before the 5 th of February (4 th of February)

January 2016							February 2016						
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29						

Claim Case Scenario 2

The dispense notification was sent before the 31st of January (in this example, the 28th). This means you have until before midnight on the 5th of February to send your claim. However, if you send your claim after the cut-off date for claims before midnight on the the 5th (in this example, the claim was sent on the 6th), **your claim applies for February (provided you send the claim before midnight on the 5th of March).**

	Dispense notification sent before the end of January (28 th of January)
	Claim message sent after the 5 th of February (6 th of February)

January 2016							February-March 2016						
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	1	2	3	4	5	6

Claim Case Scenario 3

The dispense notification was sent after the 31st of January (in this example, the 1st of February). Regardless of when you send your claim, even if it is before the cut-off date for claims, because the dispense notification was sent after the cut-off date for January, **your claim automatically applies for February (provided you send the claim before midnight on the 5th of March).**

	Dispense notification sent after the end of January (1 st of February)
	Claim message sent before the 5 th of February (4 th of February)

January 2016							February-March 2016						
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	1	2	3	4	5	6

Claim Case Scenario 4

The dispense notification was sent after the 31st of January (in this example, the 1st of February). Regardless of when you send your claim (in this case, after the cut-off date for claims), because the dispense notification was sent after the cut-off date for January, **your claim automatically applies for February (provided you send the claim before midnight on the 5th of March).**

✘	Dispense notification sent after the end of January (1 st of February)
✘	Claim message sent after the 5 th of February (6 th of February)

January 2016							February-March 2016						
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	1	2	3	4	5	6

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