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## INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF ACUTE MEDICATION SERVICE (AMS) PRESCRIPTIONS FOR NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBERS IN GP PRACTICES

### Summary

1. This circular provides NHS Boards, prescribers and community pharmacy contractors with an update on progress and developments with regard to the GP IT Re-provisioning Programme and the support of the Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions (ETP) via the Acute Medication Service (AMS) for all non-medical prescribers working in GP Practices.

### Background

2. NHS Circular [PCA\(M\)\(2007\)2 PCA\(P\)\(2007\)5](#) provided an update on the introduction of ETP via AMS.

### Details

#### Prescribing Locations

3. Prescribing systems in GP practices will start to allow support for all non-medical prescribers to issue and print a barcoded prescription form and submit an electronic version via ETP.
4. The introduction of AMS will be implemented in a phased manner from June 2022, initially for GP practices using Cegedim's Vision system. Prescribers should start using the guidance in this circular once their NHS Board has confirmed that their GP IT system has been updated to allow AMS prescribing for all prescriber roles.

10 June 2022

#### Addresses

##### For action

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5. Non-medical prescriber user roles to support AMS prescribing will need to be activated by the GP IT supplier and in the GP IT system at the practice. Where this is required, system suppliers and NHS Boards will issue separate guidance to GP practices.

**6. The change includes introducing support for use of single sheet stationery GP10(SS)(5) form type currently used by GPs to cover Pharmacist Independent Prescribers (PIPs) and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in the first instance.**

**7. Nurse prescribers should continue to use GP10N(SS)(5) stationery** until they are advised to change to single sheet stationery GP10(SS)(5).

8. Where a prescription has been generated, the prescriber code, prescriber role, professional body and professional registration number appears on the printed form and in the electronic message.

9. The printed GP10(SS)(5) and GP10N(SS)(5) prescription forms include a barcode and a Unique Prescription Number (UPN) printed underneath the barcode. The electronic message includes the virtual form type. Dispensers can use the prescriber's professional body / role printed on the form to select the form type, if required, within the Patient Medication Record (PMR) system (see Appendix).

10. Prescribing where a prescription pad is used is unaffected.

11. Medicines: Care & Review (MCR) serial prescriptions for nurse independent prescriber and pharmacist independent prescriber roles will be supported when updates to processing and payment applications have been implemented.

### **Pharmacy Locations**

12. The expansion of both AMS and MCR to additional prescriber groups affects community pharmacy systems, as well as GP IT systems. As a result, implementation needs to be co-ordinated so that the IT applications (AMS and MCR) required to underpin and support service delivery in both GP IT and community pharmacy PMR systems are available at the appropriate time.

13. Some pharmacy system suppliers may inform their community pharmacy contractors on how they should initially process prescriptions from non-medical prescribers. Where this is required, pharmacy system suppliers will issue separate guidance.

**14. Community Pharmacy contractors will be reimbursed if non-medical prescribers accidentally print on the wrong form type without the need to request a new prescription.**

**15. AMS prescriptions issued by non-medical prescribers will be included in the Service Efficiency payment calculation for community pharmacy contractors at a future date.**

16. Community Pharmacy Scotland and NHS National Services Scotland have been consulted on the contents of this Circular.

**Action**

17. Health Boards are asked to note the contents of this Circular and to bring it to the attention of prescribers, community pharmacy contractors on their Pharmaceutical Lists, Health and Social Care Partnerships and Area Pharmaceutical Committees.

Yours sincerely,



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## APPENDIX

### Example of a Nurse Independent Prescriber

**FORM GP10N(SS)(5)** NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SCOTLAND)

Name: Joe Bloggs  
Address: 1 Anywhere Street  
Edinburgh  
Age if under 12 yrs:  
Yrs / Mths: Postcode: EH1 1AA

No. of Days Treatment: CHI No. 0101011111

Co-codamol 8mg/500mg capsules  
Send <32> capsule  
Label: 1-2 cap  
<000000000322344006>

Barcode: A777 8-W 0010 RJGP

01.11.2021

Signature of Nurse: ABCDE  
Mary Smith  
GP Practice Test  
1 South Gyle Crescent  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 111 111

Date: 01.11.2021

Nurse Independent Prescriber

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Nurse Prescribers to continue to use GP10N(SS)(5) stationery until advised to change to GP10(SS)(5) stationery

Barcode – UPN character 7 (W) indicates Nurse Prescriber Role

Textual description of Role Type and Level

Professional Registration Number/Abbreviated Role Type and Level



## Example of a Pharmacist Independent Prescriber

**GP10(SS)(5)** NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SCOTLAND)

Name: Joe Bloggs  
Address: 1 Anywhere Street  
Edinburgh  
Postcode: EH1 1AA

Age if under 12 yrs.  
Yrs / Mths

No. of Days Treatment: ☐ CHI No. 0101011111

Pharmacy Stamp  
Dispensing Endorsements  
Pack size Numbers only

Co-codamol 8mg/500 mg capsules  
Send <32> capsule  
Label: 1-2 cap  
<000000000322344006>

Barcode: A777 81 X0 0003 AWLT

Barcode – UPN character 7:  
(X) indicates **Pharmacist Prescriber Role**  
(Y) indicates **all other NMP Prescriber Roles**

01.11.2021

Signature of Doctor: 7011001 John Jones  
GP Practice Test  
1 South Gyle Crescent  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 111 111  
2011111 GPhC IP

Date: 01.11.2021

Pharmacist Independent Prescriber

Professional Registration Number/Abbreviated Role Type and Level: 77781

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