

Factsheet for Community Pharmacies

Computer Generated Prescription Formats from NSW Public Health Facilities



What is changing?

NSW Health facilities using electronic medication management (eMeds) in the Cerner eMR system will be gradually implementing new functionality (Prescription Output Version 2). This new functionality will allow for legally valid prescriptions to be generated from the Cerner eMR which are compliant with NSW Health policy.

Computer prescriptions generated from the Cerner eMR, when signed in handwriting by the prescriber are valid for dispensing of medicines for:

- Inpatients at discharge
- Patients attending NSW public outpatient clinics and emergency departments
- Residents at hospital and Multi-Purpose Service aged care units where eligible for PBS supply.

The new prescriptions generated from the Cerner eMR will gradually replace handwritten prescriptions as hospitals change to computer generated prescriptions.

Why?

The ability to generate prescriptions electronically reduces risk of transcription and other errors associated with handwritten prescriptions including those associated with legibility and/or incomplete prescription information. It also enables the inclusion of prescription records into the patient's hospital electronic medical record.

What types of prescriptions will be seen in community pharmacy?

NSW community pharmacies may now be presented with one of three different prescription formats (examples are attached to this Factsheet):

Prescription format	Used for	What does it print on?	PBS eligible?	Can community pharmacy dispense?	Can NSW public hospital pharmacy dispense?
Non PBS (private)	All medicines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatients at discharge • Emergency patients • Patients at public outpatient clinics (who are not eligible for PBS subsidy). 	White A4 paper	No	Yes	Yes
Section 100 (HSD) Highly Specialised Drugs and trastuzumab	S100 Highly Specialised Drugs (including Community Access) and trastuzumab for inpatients at discharge and from outpatient clinic presentations.	White A4 paper	Yes	Only S100 HSD Community Access medicines	Yes
PBS	PBS medicines for eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • privately referred non-admitted patients (seen by prescribers operating under right of private practice in specialist outpatient clinics) • residents at hospital and Multi-Purpose Service aged care units 	Green PBS prescription stationery	Yes	Yes	No (NSW does not participate in the Public Hospital Pharmaceutical Reforms)

As NSW does not participate in the Public Hospital Pharmaceutical Reforms, patients receiving prescriptions from NSW public hospital outpatient clinics, emergency departments or at discharge are not eligible to access PBS funded medicines, with the exception of S100 (HSD) Highly Specialised Drugs and trastuzumab. There are, however, provisions for prescribers, operating under rights of private practice, to write PBS eligible prescriptions for privately referred non admitted patients. Residents at hospital and Multi-Purpose aged care units are also eligible for PBS medicines.

Where a non PBS prescription is presented to a community pharmacy for dispensing, or the patient is not eligible for PBS subsidy, the full cost of the medicine should be charged by the pharmacy.

Are these prescriptions legally valid for dispensing?

Prescriptions generated from the Cerner eMR, when signed in the handwriting of the prescriber will produce prescriptions that are:

1. Legally valid for dispensing by community pharmacies in NSW
2. Legally valid for dispensing by hospital pharmacies in NSW.



This is in compliance with NSW Health TG184 CRITERIA FOR ISSUING NON-HANDWRITTEN (COMPUTER GENERATED) PRESCRIPTIONS.

Further information:

This document has been prepared by eHealth NSW and the NSW Ministry of Health (Chief Pharmacist Unit, Legal & Regulatory Services Branch).

- The Chief Pharmacist Unit, Ministry of Health website can be found at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/pages/default.aspx>
- eHealth NSW can be contacted at ehnsw-safetyandquality@health.nsw.gov.au.
- Visit Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme education for health professionals at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/subjects/pharmaceutical-benefits-scheme-education-health-professionals>

Example 1 – Non PBS (private) prescription

 NSW Health	Name: CITIZEN, Alex													
	Address: 1 Bridge St, SYDNEY, NSW, 2000, Australia Phone: (02) 0000-0000 Medicare: 25464769741													
Facility: [REDACTED] Hospital: [REDACTED]														
Address/Phone: [REDACTED] Prov: [REDACTED]	MRN: 1344437													
DOB: 23/08/2002	Age: 16 Years	Sex: Male												
Weight: 65kg	Height: 167cm	BSA: Not Available												
PRESCRIPTION	Pregnancy Status: Not recorded Breastfeeding Status: Not recorded	Ward/Clinic: Surgical Enc Type: DISCHARGE												
Concession/DVA Number: 123456789A	Financial Class: Medicare	Entitlement Number: _____												
ALLERGIES: Bactrim, Pollens														
This is a Non PBS Prescription <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Net Entitlement Card Holder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concessional or Dependent, RPBS Beneficiary or Safety Net Concessional														
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SAMPLE – NOT FOR DISPENSING

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Prescriber Name: JMO v1 Test ()	Date: 19/12/2018
Prescriber #: 1234567 Signature: <u>T. Physician</u>	Pager #: _____ Clinic Unit: _____
Dispensed by: _____ Pharmacy Note: _____ Medication List Provided: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <small>I certify that I have received this medication and any information relating to any entitlement to fee or concessional pharmaceutical benefits is not false or misleading.</small>	
Date of Supply: ____/____/____	Patient or Agent's Signature: _____
Agent's Address: _____	
Printed by Test, JMO v1 () 19/12/2018 10:29	

Patient / Pharmacist Copy

Example 2 – Section 100 (HSD) Highly Specialised Drugs and trastuzumab prescription



Name: CITIZEN, Alex

Address: 1 Bridge St, SYDNEY, NSW, 2000, Australia
Phone: (02) 0000-0000
Medicare: 12312312310

MRN: 1344437

DOB: 23/08/2002 **Age:** 16 Years **Sex:** Male

Weight: 65kg **Height:** 167cm **BSA:** Not Available

Pregnancy Status: Not recorded **Ward/Clinic:** Surgical
Breastfeeding Status: Not recorded **Enc Type:** DISCHARGE

Concession/DVA Number: 123456789A **Financial Class:** Medicare **Entitlement Number:** SN123456789

Safety Net Entitlement Card Holder Concessional or Dependent, RPBS Beneficiary or Safety Net Concessional PBS RPBS

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SECTION 100 (HSD) + TRASTUZUMAB PRESCRIPTION

Non PBS Reform Public Hospitals - Highly Specialised Drugs and Trastuzumab Only

ALLERGIES: Bactrim, Pclens

Prescribing Details	Qty	Rpts	Approval Number	Pharmacist Use Only
darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp SureClick 40 mcg/0.4 mL injectable solution); pre-filled 0.4 mL syringes 1 syringe(s) Subcutaneous ONCE a week (on Wednesdays) HSD Authority Prescription No. 10284996 HSD Streamlined Code: 6294	8 syringe(s)	0		

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Prescriber #: 1234567 **Signature:** T. Physician **Pager #:** **Clinic Unit:**

Dispensed by: _____ **Pharmacy Note:** _____ **Medication List Provided:** Y N
I certify that I have received this medication and any information relating to any entitlement to free or concessional pharmaceutical benefits is not false or misleading.

Date of Supply: ____/____/____ **Patient or Agent's Signature:** _____ **Agent's Address:** _____

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Example 3 – PBS prescription

Med-SMO Test Private Consulting Rooms Level 4, Sydney Children's Hospital High Street, RANDWICK 2031 Ph: 02 9382 2222		Med-SMO Test Private Consulting Rooms Level 4, Sydney Children's Hospital High Street, RANDWICK 2031 Ph: 02 9382 2222	
Prescriber no. 123456		Prescriber no. 123456	
Patient's Medicare no. 9999999999		Patient's Medicare no. 9999999999	
Pharmaceutical benefits entitlement no. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PBS Safety Net entitlement cardholder (cross relevant box)		Pharmaceutical benefits entitlement no. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concessional or dependent RPBS beneficiary or PBS Safety Net concession cardholder	
Concession/DVA Number: 123456789 Entitlement Number: SN123456789		Concession/DVA Number: 123456789 Entitlement Number: SN123456789	
Patient's name CILLIN, Penny Address 45 Union Lane PADDINGTON, NSW 2021 Australia		Patient's name CILLIN, Penny Address 45 Union Lane PADDINGTON, NSW 2021 Australia	
MRN: 10962572 DOB: 01/01/2016 Age: 4 Years Weight: 20kg Height: Not recorded BSA: 0.82m2		MRN: 10962572 DOB: 01/01/2016 Age: 4 Years Weight: 20kg Height: Not recorded BSA: 0.82m2	
Date 23/01/2020 PBS RPBS <input type="checkbox"/> Brand substitution not permitted		Date 23/01/2020 PBS RPBS <input type="checkbox"/> Brand substitution not permitted	
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Med-SMO Test ()		Med-SMO Test ()	
If not a Medical Practitioner, tick your prescriber type: Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Optometrist <input type="checkbox"/>		Issued in accordance with Reg 40 of the National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulation 2017 Reprinted by Campbell, Jillian () 23/01/2020 11:54	
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Patient's or agent's signature #s Agent's address P8023.1801		Date of supply / /	