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## Requirements and Guidance for Endorsement in the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

**This guidance is produced to support the endorsement requirements specified in the NHS England and Wales Drug Tariff, and where applicable references to the Drug Tariff are included against Prescriber Endorsement Requirements or Dispenser Endorsement Requirements.**

**Users are reminded that the authority on all endorsements remains the Drug Tariff and Regulations, where appropriate, and that this document must always be read in conjunction with the latest monthly version of the Drug Tariff.**

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## 1 About this Document

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to define the endorsements required by NHS Prescription Services of the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to aid its reimbursement and remuneration process for the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS).

The NHS England and Wales Drug Tariff is compiled on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care for England by NHS Prescription Services. It is updated on a monthly basis and an electronic version of the Drug Tariff is also available on the NHSBSA website at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/prescriptions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/prescriptions).

The EPS Endorsement Guidance must be read in conjunction with the latest monthly version of the Drug Tariff.

Queries with regards to endorsements should be referred to the NHS Prescription Services Prescription Pricing Helpdesk 0300 330 1349, [nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhs.net)

### 1.2 Audience

This document has been written for EPS system suppliers, prescribers and dispensers

### 1.3 Content

This document comprises the following sections / topics;

1. Background
2. Prescriber endorsements
3. Dispenser endorsements
4. Implementation of endorsement within HL7 messaging.

## 2 Background

### 2.1 Introduction

Around 1.5 million prescriptions are issued every working day in England. With this figure expected to continue rising by around five per cent per year, the NHS is moving to a more efficient and consistently accurate electronic system that is better able to cope with this continuing increase in prescription volumes.

In particular, about 70 per cent of prescriptions are for repeat medication. The Electronic Prescription Service has been designed to reduce the paper administration associated with current prescribing and dispensing processes by enabling prescriptions to be generated, transmitted and received electronically. Dispensing contractors will also be able to submit reimbursement endorsements electronically to support payment claims for medication and appliances supplied.

### 2.2 The NHS Business Services Authority

The NHSBSA is responsible, amongst other things, for the payment of community dispensers for the drugs, medicines, appliances and services they provide under their national terms of service and for the provision of management information relating to the dispensing and supply of drugs.

### 3 Prescriber Endorsement Requirements

When prescribing in EPS Release 2 a prescriber will either prescribe generically by prescribing a virtual medicinal product (VMP) – VMP name and associated SNOMED code or by prescribing a proprietary/branded actual medicinal product from a manufacturer/supplier (AMP) – AMP description and associated SNOMED code.

A prescribing system must prevent the prescribing at dm+d pack level using VMPP or AMPP concepts.

A prescriber endorsement must be populated in the 'Prescriber endorsement' field within the HL7 message. Only prescriber endorsements within this field can be taken into consideration for reimbursement and remuneration.

Prescribers must not 'free text' prescriber endorsements into any other fields for example dosage instructions or 'additional instructions' also known as medication specific information or notes to Pharmacy.

All prescribing systems generating NHS prescriptions (EPS messages or any of the paper FP10 variants) must ensure that all prescriber endorsements, as published in this document, are available to a prescriber and allow a prescriber to endorse as and when required.

Prescribed items for 'free of charge items', for example contraceptives and treatment of an STI items endorsed FS should not be included on the same prescription as other items. Prescribing systems should assist prescribers by splitting items onto separate prescriptions where a combination of FS endorsed STI medication (or other free of charge) and other medication items are prescribed at the same time.

The following table provides the prescriber endorsements required by the NHSBSA to aid its reimbursement and remuneration process.

#### 3.1 Prescriber Endorsements

| Endorsement Code | Process/Endorsement Description  | Additional Information Required | Reference           |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| ACBS             | <p>Prescriptions for products recommended by the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances</p> <p>In certain conditions some foods and toilet preparations have the characteristics of drugs and the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances advises as to the circumstances in which such substances may be regarded as drugs. The Advisory Committee's recommendations are listed in the Drug Tariff Part XV.</p> <p>Prescriptions issued in accordance with the Committee's advice and endorsed "ACBS" will normally not be investigated.</p> | (none)                          | Drug Tariff Part XV |

|                 |   |        |   |
|-----------------|---|--------|---|
| AF              | <p>Prescriptions for food replacement/food supplement products available in a variety of flavours</p> <p>May be used to request that an assortment of flavours be supplied when prescribing food replacement/supplement products.</p> <p>An AMP with a supplier of (Flavour Not Specified) has been populated in dm+d to facilitate this.</p> | (none) |   |
| CC              | <p>Contraceptive</p> <p>A drug used for contraceptive purposes which is not listed in Part XVI Section 10 must be endorsed with the female symbol or equivalent by the prescriber in order not to attract a prescription charge.</p>  | (none) | <p>Drug Tariff Part XVI Section 10</p> <p>This replaces the female symbol.</p>                          |
| To be confirmed | <p>Mental Health</p> <p>Any item prescribed for the treatment of Mental Health under Section 117 of the Mental Health Act must be endorsed with &lt;&lt;&gt;&gt; by the prescriber in order not to attract a prescription charge</p>  | (none) | To be added to Drug Tariff Part XVI when confirmed  |
| FS              | <p>Sexual Health</p> <p>Any item prescribed for the treatment of an STI must be endorsed with FS by the prescriber in order not to attract a prescription charge</p>  | (none) | To be added to Drug Tariff Part XVI when confirmed  |
| SLS             | <p>Selected List Scheme</p> <p>Drugs and appliances to be prescribed in certain circumstances under the NHS Pharmaceutical Services. The prescriber must endorse the prescription with the reference "SLS".</p>   | (none) | <p>Drug Tariff Part XVIII B</p> <p>Drug Tariff Part IX beside the listing of the relevant appliance</p> |
| To be confirmed | <p>Tuberculosis</p> <p>Any item prescribed for the treatment of Tuberculosis must be endorsed with &lt;&lt;&gt;&gt; by the prescriber in order not to attract a prescription charge</p>   | (none) | To be added to Drug Tariff Part XVI when confirmed  |

## 4 Dispenser Endorsement Requirements

- When using the EPS and receiving prescriptions electronically, the 'Prescription Release Response' HL7 message will always contain the prescribed medication items encoded. Thus the drug strength and quantity will always be contained within the electronic message so can be used by dispensing systems. The endorsements Prescriber Contacted (PC) and Prescriber Not Contacted (PNC) will not be required for endorsement in EPS Release 2
- The supplied line item quantity is contained within the 'Dispense Notification' message. The quantity field will always be populated. However dispensing contractors must verify the quantity where a quantity is supplied at variance with that ordered
- The paper based endorsement of ND used to endorse an item as 'not dispensed' is not used in EPS. Prescribed items for which no dispensing activity has been recorded have the default item status code '0002'. When recording endorsements electronically within the Electronic Prescription Service the item status code '0002' is used instead of an 'ND' endorsement.
- Where a supplier is required to be used in an endorsement it is recommended, from a governance perspective, that the user is given the option to replace non-specific dm+d suppliers for example 'Special Order', 'Imported (*Country*)', 'Flavour Not specified' with the name of the actual supplier
- When a pack size (quantity + unit of measure) is required to be used in an endorsement this must be the pack size from which the order was supplied. In dm+d 'Special Order' products have a pack size of 1ml, 1 gram, 1 tablet etc. These pack sizes must not be used in an endorsement unless this was the actual pack size from which the order was supplied
- Where endorsements with multiple statements within additional information are required they should be separated using commas

### 4.1 Dispensed Product/Pack

Information about what medication/device has been dispensed is submitted to NHS Prescription Services by using NHS dm+d concepts – a SNOMED code plus a name/description.

For example when a Part VIII generic medicinal product is prescribed and there is only one pack listed in the Drug Tariff then no dispensed medication item information is required so the dispenser would return the prescribed VMP (Virtual Medicinal Product). If however two pack sizes were listed in the Drug Tariff then the dispenser would need to return the pack size that they have dispensed the medication from ie they would return a VMPP (Virtual Medicinal Product Pack) as the VMPP provides the pack size information.



The following table identifies which 'dm+d concept' needs to be returned as the dispensed product for a range of scenarios:

| Prescribed<br>NHS dm+d SNOMED code   | Dispensed<br>NHS dm+d SNOMED code required   |
|--|--|
| VMP<br>(Part VIII generic medicinal product)   | VMPP or 'nothing' <sup>1</sup>   |
| VMP<br>(Non-Part VIII generic medicinal product)   | AMPP or AMP <sup>2</sup>   |
| AMP<br>(Proprietary/Branded medicinal product)   | AMPP or 'nothing' <sup>1</sup>   |
| VMP<br>(Part IX generic medical device)<br>Product listed only generically in the Drug Tariff Part IX<br>with no actual products listed e.g. Absorbent Lint BPC                                    | VMPP or 'nothing' <sup>1</sup>   |
| VMP (Part IX generic medical device –where the VMP is an<br>official title i.e. B.P. or Drug Tariff Specification)<br>Proprietary/branded medical devices are listed in the Drug<br>Tariff Part IX | AMPP or AMP<br>VMPP or 'nothing' <sup>1</sup> , only if the VMP has a<br>Drug Tariff price |
| AMP<br>(Part IX Proprietary/Branded medical device)  | AMPP, AMP or 'nothing' <sup>1</sup>  |

#### Notes.

1. Dispensed medication item information only needs to be submitted to NHS Prescription Services for some items. If no dispensed medication item information is submitted, the Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Message (EREM) must be defaulted to the prescribed dm+d SNOMED code and description.
2. If a non Part VIII generic VMP is prescribed and the AMP that the Pharmacist wishes to dispense is not in dm+d the VMP plus an invoice price must be returned.

If a non Part VIII generic VMP is prescribed and the AMPP being supplied has no price in dm+d then an invoice price endorsement must be returned.

## 4.2 Dispenser Endorsements by Contractor Type

The following table details which dispensing endorsements are applicable to different dispensing contractors.

| Endorsement Code | Pharmacy Contractor | Dispensing Doctor | Dispensing Appliance Contractor |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| BB               | Yes                 | Yes               | Yes                             |
| MF               | Yes                 | Not applicable    | Yes                             |
| NCSO             | Yes                 | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| XP               | Yes                 | Yes               | Yes                             |
| PD(n)            | Yes                 | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| IP               | Yes                 | Yes               | Yes                             |
| RC               | Yes                 | Yes               | Not applicable                  |
| SP               | Yes                 | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| ED               | Yes                 | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| NDEC             | Yes                 | Yes               | Yes                             |

The following tables provide the dispenser endorsements required by the NHS Prescription Services to aid its reimbursement and remuneration process.

- Where (none) is stated in the additional information no information is required nor should any information be populated in this field
- Following a number of live issues relating to prices submitted to the NHSBSA the structure of where a price is populated is clarified as follows:
  - The price must begin with £
  - The amount must be expressed in both pounds and pence as follows: £2.00, £3.45, £123.85
  - Values less than one pound must be expressed as £0.60, £0.85. £0.99

**Broken Bulk**

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required | Reference  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| BB               | (none)                          | <p><b>Drug Tariff Part II, Clause 11</b></p> <p>A This clause applies to drugs (including ingredients used when preparing a special under the manufacturing part of the Section 10 exemption from the Medicines Act 1968 on the pharmacy premises), incontinence and stoma appliances in Part IXB and IXC, chemical reagents, with the following exceptions: items supplied in special containers covered by Clause 10B, drugs listed in Category A and M whose smallest pack size has a price of less than £50 and specials and imported products covered by Part VIII B.</p> <p><b>B When the quantity ordered on a prescription form is other than the minimum quantity the manufacturer, wholesaler or supplier is prepared to supply and the contractor, having purchased such minimum quantity as may be necessary to supply the quantity ordered cannot readily dispose of the remainder, payment will be made for the whole of the quantity purchased. Subsequent prescriptions, received during the next six months, will be deemed to have been supplied from the remainder and no further payment will be made to drug costs other than fees and consumables and container allowances until that remainder has been or is deemed to have been used up. Thereafter, contractors must endorse prescription forms to indicate when a claim for payment is being made. The prescription form must be endorsed 'BB' and with the pack size supplied to claim payment.</b></p> <p>In EPS a system must return the VMPP or AMPP. If the pack dispensed is not in dm+d and a VMP/AMP is being returned then an IP endorsement, which includes the pack size must be sent.</p> |

**Measured & fitted**

Elastic hosiery, trusses and parastomal garments requiring measurement

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required | Reference   |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MF               | (none)                          | <p>Drug Tariff Part IIIA 2B(a)/(b)(c)</p> <p>Drug Tariff Part IIIB 2A (a)(b)(c)</p> |

**No Cheaper Stock Obtainable**

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required   | Reference   |
|------------------|---|---|
| NCSO             | <p>&lt; Pharmacist initials&gt;<br/>           &lt;Date of dispensing (format “yyymmdd”)&gt;<br/>           &lt;Supplier, manufacturer or brand name&gt;<br/>           -&lt;Pack size (quantity + unit of measure)&gt;</p> <p>- Where the product dispensed does not have a price on dm+d then in addition an IP endorsement must also be sent, ie both an NCSO and an IP endorsement are required</p>                     | <p><b>Drug Tariff Part II Clause 9C</b></p> <p>Where the preparation is in Part VIII of the Tariff and, as described in Clause 8B, in the opinion of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Welsh Ministers there is no product available to contractors at the appropriate price, endorsements of brand name or of manufacturer or wholesaler of the product and pack size so used may be accepted. Contractors shall not so endorse unless they have made all reasonable efforts to obtain the product at the appropriate price but have not succeeded. The endorsement shall be initialled and dated by or on behalf of the contractor, and shall be further endorsed "no cheaper stock obtainable" or "NCSO" to indicate that the contractor has taken all such responsible steps</p>  |
|                  | <p><b>An SSP may require additional endorsement guidance for contractors to follow. These requirements must be adhered to and will be published on the NHSBSA website:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps">https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps</a></p> | <p><b>Drug Tariff Part II Clause 9E</b></p> <p>Where a contractor supplies a product in accordance with a SSP, the contractor must, in respect of -</p> <p>b electronic prescription forms, either -</p> <p>(i) indicate that a supply was made in accordance with a SSP on the Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Message (EREM) by marking on it “ND” or ‘Not Dispensed’ and use the EPS token to endorse it with “NCSO”, and any other information required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C). The Pricing Authority for England will check that the EPS token matches the EREM. If a contractor submits multiple tokens linked to one EREM, only one will be used for pricing; or</p> <p>(ii) endorse the EREM with “NCSO” and input into the endorsement field any other information required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C).</p> |

Example of an item that is priced on dm+d: **[NCSO] [KF,20180801,ABCD Ltd,30ml]**

Example of an item where there is no price on dm+d:  
**[NCSO] [KF,20180802,EFGH Ltd,15gram]**  
**[IP] [15gram,£12.34,EFGH Ltd]**

**Out of Pocket Expenses**

Expenses exceeding 50 pence can be claimed where incurred in exceptional circumstances when obtaining an item not required to be frequently supplied.

Out of pocket expenses may not be claimed for items priced in Drug Tariff Part VIIIA Category A and M, Part VIIIB, Part IXA, Part IX R and all other specials and imported products not listed

**Dispensing Doctors, under their terms of service (paragraph 17.3 NHS General Medical Services Statement of Fees and Allowances as amended), are required to use the XP endorsement to claim a £20 payment when supplying an unlicensed medicine covered by the Part VIIIB arrangements.**

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required  | Reference   |
|------------------|--|---|
| XP               | <p>&lt;Full particulars of claim&gt;<br/>&lt;Total value &gt;</p> <p><b>The value must be expressed in the following format: £12.34 or £0.99</b></p> | <p>Drug Tariff Part II Clause 12.</p> <p>Where, in exceptional circumstances, out-of-pocket expenses have been incurred in obtaining a drug, appliance or chemical reagent other than those priced in Part VIIIA Category A and M, Part VIIIB, Part IXA, Part IXR of the Tariff and all other specials and imported products not listed and not required to be frequently supplied by the contractor, or where out-of-pocket expenses have been incurred in obtaining oxygen from a manufacturer, wholesaler or supplier specially for supply against a prescription, where such expenses on any occasion exceed 50p payment of the full amount may be made where the contractor sends a claim giving particulars to the Pricing Authority on the appropriate prescription form. The endorsement shall be 'XP' to indicate the contractor has taken all reasonable steps to avoid claiming.</p> |

Examples:

[XP] [Postage & Packing,£3.65]

[XP] [Telephone call,£0.85]

**Packaged Doses**

Oral liquid methadone packaged as separate doses.

Where the quantity dispensed to the patient for a prescription for oral liquid methadone covers more than one dose and the contractor has packaged each dose separately

Where n = number of doses packaged separately minus the number of times the contractor has dispensed the medicine to the patient\*\*

Where a numeric value is not provided, the contractor will be paid one fee. If the number of occasions when the medicine is dispensed equals the number of doses that have been packaged separately, this fee is not payable

\*\*an interaction with the patient where oral liquid methadone has been supplied

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required   | Reference  |
|------------------|---|--|
| PD               | <p>&lt;n&gt;</p> <p>This field should be populated with a whole positive integer, which could be a zero value</p> | <p>Drug Tariff Part IIIA 2D</p> <p>NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013</p> |

**Example**

Five doses have been packaged separately and have been dispensed on one occasion

n is 5-1 = 4

[PD] [4]

**Price**

The price endorsement is made up of five parts and must be populated in the order specified. The first three parts are mandatory for all price endorsements and the latter two are only mandatory for 'specials' and 'imports' as detailed below

- The price endorsed must be for the pack size used to dispense and not the quantity dispensed
- When a pack size (quantity + unit of measure) is required to be used in an endorsement this must be the pack size from which the order was supplied. In dm+d 'Special Order' products have a pack size of 1ml, 1 gram, 1 tablet etc. These pack sizes must not be used in an endorsement unless this was the actual pack size from which the order was supplied
- Where a non-specific supplier such as Special Order, Imported, Flavour Not Specified has been selected then the user must be able to enter the actual supplier into the endorsement

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required   | Reference   |
|------------------|---|---|
| IP               | <p>&lt;Price&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Pack Size&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Supplier&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Manufacturer/Importer's Licence Number&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Batch number of the unlicensed medicine&gt;</p> <p><b>The price must be expressed in the following format: £12.34 or £0.99</b></p> | <p><b>Price endorsed should be the 'total net price before discount and ex-VAT'</b></p> <p><b>except for</b></p> <p><b>Preparations manufactured under an MHRA specials licence or sourced under an MHRA importers licence the invoice price must be the actual price paid for the product i.e. less any discount or rebate which may be linked to the procurement of this product.</b></p> <p><b>The price endorsed should be the price, as defined above, for the pack supplied and in addition to comply with Part II clause 9B the endorsement must include the pack size: "Prescriptions for drugs not listed in Part VIII of the Tariff shall be endorsed by the contractor with the pack size from which the order was supplied...."</b></p> |

**Example:**

A pack of 28 tablets of Brand C tablets (XYZ Ltd) costing £9.50 for 28 tablets is used to dispense a prescription for 56 Brand C tablets:

[IP] [£9.50,28 tablet,XYZ Ltd]

For a 'special' ordered from Specials Lab Ltd costing £423.00 for 200ml

[IP] [£423.00,200ml,Specials Lab Ltd,ML12345,BN989898C]

**Rebate Claimed**

If alcohol (96%), rectified spirit (ethanol 90%) or any other dilute ethanol is prescribed as an ingredient of a medicine for internal use, the price of the duty paid alcohol will be paid. If the duty has been reclaimed, endorse the prescription 'rebate claimed' and the price will be calculated on that of duty-free alcohol.

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required | Reference   |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| RC               | (none)                          | <b>Drug Tariff Part VIII Note 7.2</b><br>Where Alcohol (96%), or Rectified Spirit (Ethanol 90%), or any other of the dilute Ethanol is prescribed as an ingredient of a medicine for internal use, the price of the duty paid to Customs and Excise will be allowed, unless the contractor endorses the prescription form "rebate claimed". |

**Special**

Preparations manufactured under an MHRA special licence or sourced under an MHRA importers licence.

This endorsement is applicable to pharmacy contractors only.

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required | Reference  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| SP               | (none)                          | <b>Drug Tariff Part IIIA</b><br><b>Drug Tariff Part VIII B notes</b> |

**Extemporaneously dispensed**

Preparations prepared under the Section 10 exemption from the Medicines Act 1968  
This endorsement is applicable to pharmacy contractors only.

Non-Part VIII B listed products manufactured under a section 10 exemption are currently out of scope for the Electronic Prescription Service.

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required   | Reference  |
|------------------|---|--|
| ED               | (none)<br><br>Where the product is listed in Part VIII B no additional information is required to claim the ED professional fee. Further endorsement may be required for other purposes | Drug Tariff Part IIIA<br><br>Drug Tariff Part VIII B notes |

**No Dispenser Endorsement Code**

This endorsement does not apply to paper-based prescription endorsing.

In EPS within the Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Message (EREM) for dispensed items the endorsement code field is mandatory. Where none of the above endorsement codes are required this field must be populated with NDEC as positive confirmation that the absence of other endorsements is intentional.

| Endorsement code | Additional Information required | Reference |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| NDEC             | (none)                          |           |



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## 5 Appendix A - Obsolete Endorsements

It is strongly recommended that obsolete endorsements should be disabled in dispensing systems to prevent the accidental use of them by contractors.

| Endorsement Code |                                | Pharmacy Contractor | Dispensing Doctor | Dispensing Appliance Contractor |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| AI               | Obsolete from 01 April 2012    | Obsolete            | Obsolete          | Not applicable                  |
| DNG              | Obsolete from 01 November 2011 | Obsolete            | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| LS               | Obsolete from 01 April 2012    | Obsolete            | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| PC               | Not required in EPS Release 2  | *                   | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |
| PNC              | Not required in EPS Release 2  | *                   | Not applicable    | Not applicable                  |

\* When using the EPS and receiving prescriptions electronically, the 'Prescription Release Response' HL7 message will always contain the prescribed medication items encoded. Thus the drug strength and quantity will always be contained within the electronic message so can be used by the dispensing system. The endorsements Prescriber Contacted and Prescriber Not Contacted would not be required in this instance

## 6 Appendix B – Exemption and Charge Paid coded EPS values

| New FP10 form  | EPS Message Code  | Exemption/Charge paid/Free-of-charge Description   | Notes        |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--------------|
| -              | 0000              | Patient has paid appropriate charges at old rate   |              |
| -              | 0001              | Patient has paid appropriate charges   |              |
| A              | 0002              | Is 60 years of age or over <u>or</u> is under 16 years of age (unless your date of birth is printed on the form)   |              |
| B              | 0003              | 16, 17 or 18 <u>and</u> in full-time education   |              |
| D              | 0005              | Maternity exemption certificate  |              |
| E              | 0006              | Medical exemption certificate  |              |
| F              | 0007              | Prescription prepayment certificate  |              |
| G              | 0008              | Prescription exemption certificate issued by Ministry of Defence   |              |
| L              | 0009              | HC2 (full help) certificate  |              |
| H              | 0011              | Income support <u>or</u> Income-related Employment and Support Allowance   |              |
| K              | 0012              | Income based Job Seeker's Allowance  |              |
| M              | 0013              | Tax credit exemption certificate   |              |
| S              | 0014              | Pension Credit Guarantee Credit (including partners)   |              |
| U              | 0016 <sup>1</sup> | Universal Credit <u>and</u> meets the criteria   |              |
| C              | 0004              | is 60 years of age or over   | OBSOLETE     |
| -              | 0015              | Patient does not need to pay the prescription charge.<br><i>This allows the exemption status to be recorded without actually stating the reason for the exemption</i>  |              |
| X <sup>3</sup> | 0010              | Was prescribed free-of-charge contraceptives   | EPS use only |
| Y <sup>3</sup> | 0017              | Was prescribed free-of-charge sexual health medication <sup>1</sup><br>or was prescribed free-of-charge mental health medication <sup>2</sup><br>or was prescribed free-of-charge TB medication <sup>2</sup> | EPS use only |

1. To be implemented now
2. Not to be implemented yet until informed to do so by NHS Digital
3. X (0010) is to be removed from the back of the FP10 prescription form/Token and Y (0017) will not be printed on the back of a prescription form/Token but these values will still need to be populated in the EPS message as the 'message code' field is mandatory.

Only one value can be populated so if a prescription contains a mixture of either sexual health/contraceptive/mental health or Tuberculosis free of charge medicines and other items then the exemption or charge status of the other item(s) applies and must be recorded.

Value C (0004) is 60 years of age or over is to be made redundant and a joint 'age exemption' is to apply – value A (0002). If your dispensing system has incorporated the change then all age exempt ie under 16 years or over 60 years must be recorded as A value 0002. If your system has not yet been updated then please continue to submit as A and C.

## 7 Appendix C - EPS Prescription Type Codes

### *Cross reference of EPS "Prescription Type" code and FP10 paper type and Prescriber Initiative*

| EPS Prescription Type Code | Description   | FP10 paper type | FP10 Prescriber Initiative | Note |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|------|
| 0101                       | Primary Care Prescriber – Medical Prescriber  | FP10 SS         |                            |      |
| 0104                       | Primary Care Prescriber - Nurse Independent/Supplementary prescriber                  | FP10 SS         | PN                         |      |
| 0105                       | Primary Care Prescriber - Community Practitioner Nurse prescriber                     | FP10 SS         | PN                         |      |
| 0108                       | Primary Care Prescriber - Pharmacist Independent/Supplementary prescriber             | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |
| 0113                       | Primary Care Prescriber – Optometrist Independent/Supplementary prescriber            | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |
| 0114                       | Primary Care Prescriber – Podiatrist/Chiropodist Independent/Supplementary prescriber | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |
| 0116                       | Primary Care Prescriber – Radiographer Independent/Supplementary prescriber           | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |
| 0117                       | Primary Care Prescriber - Physiotherapist Independent/Supplementary prescriber        | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |
| 0124                       | Primary Care Prescriber – Dietician Supplementary prescriber                          | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |
| 0125                       | Primary Care Prescriber – Paramedic Independent/Supplementary prescriber              | FP10 SS         | SP                         |      |

| EPS Prescription Type Code | Description                                   | FP10 paper type | FP10 Prescriber Initiative | Note  |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|---|
| 0123                       | Primary Care Prescriber - Hospital prescriber | FP10 SS         | HP                         | Currently out of scope for EPS – Hospital unit prescribers prescribing on FP10 prescriptions for dispensing in the Community. |
| 0607                       | Dental Prescribing - Dentist                  | FP10 D          |                            | Currently out of scope for EPS and no overprinting requirements for dental forms as hand written pads                         |

**Retired codes that must no longer be used - cross referenced with 'code that can be used'**

| EPS Prescription Type Code | Description  | FP10 paper type | FP10 Prescriber Initiative | Note   |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| 0001                       | General Practitioner Prescribing   |                 |                            | Medical prescriber use 0101  |
| 0002                       | Intentionally left blank   |                 |                            | n/a  |
| 0003                       | Nurse Practitioner Prescribing   |                 |                            | Nurse prescriber use either 0104 or 0105 depending upon qualification of nurse   |
| 0004                       | Hospital Prescribing   |                 |                            | Out of scope for EPS   |
| 0006                       | Dental Prescribing   |                 |                            | Out of scope for EPS   |
| 0007                       | Supplementary Prescriber Prescribing   |                 |                            | Use appropriate prescription type depending upon type of prescriber eg 0108, 0113, 0114, 0116, 0117, 0124  |
| 0009                       | General Practitioner Prescribing: Private  |                 |                            | Private prescribing not in scope for EPS   |
| 0012                       | Extended Formulary Prescriber  |                 |                            | 'Extended Formulary' Nurse Prescribers no longer exist. A nurse prescriber would use 0104 or 0105 depending upon their qualification                 |
| 0102                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - Trainee Doctor/GP Registrar                             | FP10 SS         |                            | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>Medical prescriber use 0101  |
| 0103                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - Deputising Services                                     | FP10 SS         |                            | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>Medical prescriber use 0101  |
| 0106                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Nurse Independent/Supplementary prescriber | FP10 SS         | CN                         | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a nurse employed as an Independent or Supplementary prescriber use 0104 |
| 0107                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Community Practitioner Nurse prescriber    | FP10 SS         | CN                         | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a nurse employed as a Community Practitioner nurse prescriber use 0105  |
| 0109                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Pharmacist prescriber                      | FP10 SS         | SP                         | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a pharmacist employed as a prescriber use 0108                          |
| 0110                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - Locum   | FP10 SS         |                            | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>Medical prescriber use 0101  |
| 0119                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Podiatrist/Chiropodist                     | FP10 SS         | SP                         | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a podiatrist/chiropodist employed as a prescriber use 0114              |
| 0120                       | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Optometrist                                | FP10 SS         | SP                         | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For an optometrist employed as a prescriber use 0113                        |

|      |   |            |    |  |
|------|---|------------|----|--|
| 0121 | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Radiographer                      | FP10<br>SS | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a radiographer employed as a prescriber use 0116                        |
| 0122 | General Practitioner Prescribing - PCT employed Physiotherapist                   | FP10<br>SS | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a physiotherapist employed as a prescriber use 0117                     |
| 0304 | Nurse Practitioner - Practice employed Nurse Independent/Supplementary prescriber | FP10 P     | PN | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For a nurse employed as an Independent or Supplementary prescriber use 0104  |
| 0305 | Nurse Practitioner - Practice employed Community Practitioner Nurse prescriber    | FP10 P     | PN | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For a nurse employed as a Community Practitioner nurse prescriber use 0105   |
| 0306 | Nurse Practitioner - PCT employed Nurse Independent/Supplementary prescriber      | FP10 P     | CN | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a nurse employed as an Independent or Supplementary prescriber use 0104 |
| 0307 | Nurse Practitioner - PCT employed Community Practitioner Nurse prescriber         | FP10 P     | CN | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a nurse employed as a Community Practitioner nurse prescriber use 0105  |
| 0406 | Hospital Prescribing - Hospital Prescriber  | FP10<br>NC | HP | Out of scope   |
| 0708 | Supplementary Prescribing - Practice employed Pharmacist                          | FP10 P     | SP | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For a pharmacist employed as a prescriber use 0108   |
| 0709 | Supplementary Prescribing - PCT employed Pharmacist                               | FP10 P     | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a pharmacist employed as a prescriber use 0108                          |
| 0713 | Supplementary Prescribing - Practice employed Optometrist                         | FP10 P     | SP | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For an optometrist employed as a prescriber use 0113   |
| 0714 | Supplementary Prescribing - Practice employed Podiatrist/Chiropodist              | FP10 P     | SP | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For a podiatrist/chiropodist employed as a prescriber use 0114   |
| 0716 | Supplementary Prescribing - Practice employed Radiographer                        | FP10 P     | SP | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For a radiographer employed as a prescriber use 0116   |
| 0717 | Supplementary Prescribing - Practice employed Physiotherapist                     | FP10 P     | SP | Code retired 01 September 2016<br>For a physiotherapist employed as a prescriber use 0117  |
| 0718 | Supplementary Prescribing - PCT employed Optometrist                              | FP10 P     | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013  |

|      |   |        |    |   |
|------|---|--------|----|---|
|      |   |        |    | For an optometrist employed as a prescriber use 0113  |
| 0719 | Supplementary Prescribing - PCT employed Podiatrist/Chiropodist | FP10 P | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a podiatrist/chiropodist employed as a prescriber use 0114 |
| 0721 | Supplementary Prescribing - PCT employed Radiographer           | FP10 P | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a radiographer employed as a prescriber use 0116           |
| 0722 | Supplementary Prescribing - PCT employed Physiotherapist        | FP10 P | SP | Code obsolete <u>must</u> not be used as PCTs abolished 01 April 2013<br>For a physiotherapist employed as a prescriber use 0117        |