
**REQUIREMENTS ENABLING PAYMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS,
APPLIANCES AND CHEMICAL REAGENTS**

CLAUSE 9 ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A Contractors shall endorse prescription forms for drugs, appliances and chemical reagents listed in this Tariff as required by this Clause and when so required by the provisions of Part II Clauses 10 (Quantity to be Supplied) and 11 (Broken Bulk), Part III (Fees), Notes to Part VIIIB, Notes to Part VIID and Note 2 to Part IXA/B/C (Appliances).
- B 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 and, if the order is in pharmacopoeial or 'generic' form, with the brand name or the name of the manufacturer or wholesaler from whom the supply was purchased. Where the preparation is in Part VIIIA of the Tariff, endorsement of pack size is not necessary except for products in Category C that have more than one pack size listed. Where additional specific endorsement is necessary, contractors shall endorse prescription forms when so required by the provisions of Part II Clauses 10 (Quantity to be Supplied) and 11 (Broken Bulk), Part III (Fees) and Notes to Part VIIIB and Part VIID.
- C 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.
- D Where a contractor supplies a quantity at variance with that ordered. i.e. under the provisions set out in Clause 10 (Quantity to be Supplied) or Clause 15 (Original Pack Dispensing), the prescription shall be endorsed with the quantity supplied.
- E From February 2022 (i.e. for February's prescriptions claimed by 5 March), where a contractor supplies a product in accordance with a single dispensed product SSP (where a prescribed product is replaced by one product), the contractor must, in respect of -
- a non - electronic prescription forms - endorse the prescription form with "SSP" and the three-digit reference number of the specific SSP to indicate that a supply was made in accordance with a SSP, in addition to any other information required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C); and
 - b electronic prescription forms - pharmacy contractors must indicate that a supply was made in accordance with a SSP on the Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Message (EREM) by selecting "SSP", entering the three-digit reference number of the specific SSP and endorsing the appropriate dispensed product and quantity, in addition to any other information required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C).
- From February 2022, where a contractor supplies a product in accordance with a multiple dispensed product SSP (where a prescribed product is replaced by two or more products), the contractor must, in respect of -
- c non - electronic prescription forms - endorse the prescription form with "SSP" and the three-digit reference number of the specific SSP to indicate that a supply was made in accordance with a SSP, in addition to any other information required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C) for all products supplied under the SSP; and

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- d electronic prescription forms - pharmacy contractors must indicate that a supply was made in accordance with a SSP on the EREM by selecting "SSP", entering the three-digit reference number of the specific SSP endorsing the appropriate dispensed products and quantities, in addition to any other information required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C), for each of the products dispensed under that SSP. Where the endorsement functionality does not allow for all replacement products to be endorsed, contractors should endorse by selecting "SSP" and entering the three-digit reference number of the specific SSP, in addition to any other information as required under Clause 9 (apart from Clause 9C), for only one product (in the event that a non-Part VIII product is one of the replacement SSP products, this product must be the one endorsed in accordance with Clause 9 - apart from Clause 9C). The Pricing Authority for England will reimburse pharmacy contractors for the remaining products in the SSP.
- F Where insufficient information is available to enable the Pricing Authority to process the prescription, including where it was submitted for a SSP payment, the form (or a copy of the original form) shall be returned to the contractor who shall endorse the prescription form (or copy) with the information requested. Returned prescriptions shall be priced using the Drug Tariff relevant to the month in which the prescription form (or copy) is returned to the Pricing Authority.
- G For May 2025, for electronic and non-electronic prescription forms, where a contractor dispenses centrally procured stock of Nirmatrelvir 150mg tablets and Ritonavir 100mg tablets (Paxlovid 150mg/100mg tablets), the contractor must select the "NCSO" endorsement. Where the contractor endorses "NCSO", the Pricing Authority will reimburse as per Part VIIC (i) of the Drug Tariff.

Where the contractor has purchased commercially available stock of Nirmatrelvir 150mg tablets and Ritonavir 100mg tablets (Paxlovid 150mg/100mg tablets), no endorsement should be made and the Pricing Authority will reimburse as per Clause 8C, Part II of the Drug Tariff.