

Pharmacy Bulletin

25th September 2014

Weekly E-Communication for Pharmacies

Welcome to this week's edition.

1. Please note: Changes for Local Enhanced Service submissions (Cornwall Pharmacies only)

Please find attached a spreadsheet for your September claims for Gluten Free, Minor Ailments and Emergency Repeat supply (URM) which includes a section for claiming URM summer extension claims up to 5th September. All claims up to and including September will be processed by the Area Pharmacy team so please ensure that your completed September claim is e-mailed to the Area Pharmacy team england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net along with any outstanding claims for July and August by 31st October at the latest to ensure these are processed.

We did report in earlier editions of the E-Communication that claims from 1st October could be submitted on PharmOutcomes. We have now been informed by Kernow CCG Prescribing team, who are taking back the administration of the Enhanced Services from 1st October, that this is still under consideration. Please watch further E-Communications for details as to how and where to submit your October claims.

2. Temporary changes to Core Hours over the Christmas and New Year period

We have had a number of requests for pharmacies for temporary changes to their core hours to enable them to close early over the Christmas and New Year period. Unfortunately we have refused all of these requests as NHS England believes that is important that pharmaceutical service provision to patients is provided as usual over the festive period.

3. EPS SPINE 2 Update:

Following discussions with HSCIC yesterday we have been assured the issues with SPINE 2, following the recent upgrade, have been resolved. The advice given is that if you are still experiencing problems please direct them to your software suppliers to resolve. Some guidance from HSCIC relating to the new EPS prescription tracker is attached. Further information is available on the HSCIC website via the following link:
<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/eps/library/rxtracker>

4. Reducing asthma deaths

In a bid to reduce asthma deaths, schools in the UK will be able to keep salbutamol inhalers for pupils to use in an emergency when an amendment to the law comes into force in October 2014. The move follows a consultation by the Medicines and Healthcare products

Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the UK health departments in May 2014. There were more than 4,000 responses that were “overwhelmingly supportive” of changing the law. The government laid an amendment to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 before Parliament on 18 July 2014 and the new arrangements will come into effect on 1 October 2014. From that date, schools will be able to buy inhalers and spacers from a pharmaceutical supplier in small quantities, provided it is done only occasionally and on a not-for-profit basis. The supplier will need a request signed by the head teacher or school principal (ideally on headed paper) stating the name of the school, the purpose for which the product is needed and the total quantity required. The DH has also issued guidance to help schools in England manage inhalers. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are responsible for issuing guidance for their own schools. The link below takes you to the guidance which outlines the responsibilities of the community pharmacist.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/emergency-asthma-inhalers-for-use-in-schools>

5. South Devon CCG Training Event (please find detailed below a communication direct from the CCG that we have been asked to promote)

The CCG is hosting a Care Home Forum for the Paignton and Brixham Locality and would like to invite you to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together the workforce of care homes, GPs, Pharmacists and their teams to create better working relationships for the future. We would hope to have 1 GP representative from each practice, 1 community pharmacy representative and we have already confirmed attendance from several of the care homes.

The first meeting is arranged for **Thursday 2 October 2014, 17:30-19:30** at Paignton Library (tea and coffee only). As we are sure you can imagine getting a good time to meet for everybody is virtually impossible especially as many GP surgeries and Pharmacies do not close until 18.00. However we intend to start the majority of the pharmacy related content of the meeting after 18.30 so please come when you can. Please could you confirm your attendance to chile.clemence@nhs.net

6. Vaccine online

Please use the link below to view the latest update

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-219-september-2014>

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please let us know.

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