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Community Pharmacies to send original private FP10PCD forms to NHSBSA PPD

From the **1st September 2007**, Pharmacy contractors in **England** will be required to submit the **original** FP10PCD prescription for Schedule 2 and 3 CDs to the NHSBSA Prescription Pricing Division each month using a special submission document, FP34PCD. The equivalent original forms originating from Wales or Scotland should also be submitted.

This follows a change to the relevant medicines legislation (the Medicines for Human Use (Administration and Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2007 and the Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions Amendment Regulations 2007). Previously the medicines legislation required the original private prescription to be retained by the pharmacy so until this was amended, pharmacy contractors have been submitting photocopies of the FP10PCD form to the NHSBSA for analysis and monitoring purposes.

Pharmacy contractors in Wales should continue to submit copies of private prescription form WP10PCD to Health Solutions Wales on a monthly basis at the same time as submitting other NHS prescription forms until further notice. Copies of the equivalent forms originating from England or Scotland should also be submitted.

Commenting Kam Amrith, Information Pharmacist at PSNC said "From the 1st September, pharmacists will no longer need to photocopy the FP10PCD forms which will offer pharmacy contractors workload and cost savings. However, PSNC remains concerned about the current requirement to send these forms to the PPD separately from NHS prescriptions and using a submission document which can only be accessed online. We believe that this continues to place an unnecessary administrative burden on pharmacy contractors and advocate integration of the submission process for NHS and private Controlled Drug Prescriptions."

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Notes for editors:

1. The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) is the body that represents community pharmacy on NHS matters and seeks to secure the best possible NHS services provided by pharmacy contractors in England and Wales.
2. The FP34PCD submission document is available at www.ppa.org.uk. From the 1st September this should be submitted together with the original private FP10PCD prescription forms to the following address:

NHSBSA Prescription Pricing Division
Processing Div 3 Newcastle
Goods Entrance (off Dean Street)
Bridge House
152 Pilgrim Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6SN

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