

NHS Prescription Charge is

£7.40

from 1st April 2011

for each medicine or appliance*

PRESCRIPTIONS ARE FREE FOR:

- children under 16 years of age
- full-time students aged 16, 17 or 18 who are in full-time education
- men and women aged 60 years and over (the exemption age remains unchanged)
- people getting Income Support (IS) or income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA (IR))
- people getting Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA (IB))
- people with a partner who gets Pension Credit Guarantee Credit
- people with a valid maternity or medical exemption certificate (includes cancer patients)
- war pensioners with a valid exemption certificate (for accepted disablement only)
- people with a current NHS Exemption Certificate for full help (Certificate HC2)
- people included in an award of Child Tax Credit, or Working Tax Credit with a disability element, with annual income of £15,276 or less.
- some prescriptions issued by HMP Service
- patients who present an NHS Northern Irish prescription form (Coded HS21CS)
- people with a valid Prescription Prepayment Certificate. A PPC may save you money; they cost £29.10 for 3 months and £104.00 for 12 months (*offering a saving to anyone who needs 4 or more items in 3 months or more than 14 items in 12 months*). To help spread the cost, you can now choose to pay for the 12 month PPC by 10 Direct Debit monthly installments. Ask for Form FP95, ring 0845 850 0030 or visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc to buy your PPC.

* Compression Hosiery is charged at £14.80 for a pair of anklets, kneecaps or stockings. Some other items may have more than one charge – ask your Pharmacist to explain. For more information about whether you are entitled to help with health costs visit www.dh.gov.uk/helpwithhealthcosts or ask your pharmacist for leaflet HC11.

**THE PRESCRIPTION CHARGE IS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE NHS.
IT IS NOT A PAYMENT TO THE PHARMACIST.
IT BEARS NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE COST OF THE MEDICINE.**



PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Please ensure the exemption declaration on the back of the prescription is completed where appropriate. Further information is available on the PSNC website at www.psn.org.uk/charges