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Dear Colleagues

Prescriptions for reimbursement

We are writing to provide an important update to practices regarding the correct process when submitting claims for drug reimbursement. Following upgrades to the payment platform, the historical 'work-around' enabling pooled lists is no longer available, and drug reimbursement claims should always be submitted using the GP prescriber number. **This is an advance notice that from April 2023 the correct GP Prescriber number must be used when submitting prescriptions for reimbursement. As an interim measure, we have set out below transitional arrangements until March 2023 to support practices to make the necessary adjustments.**

If your practice has previously used a pooled list code to claim drug reimbursement, there may be some discrepancy in payments. We are working with NHS BSA and PCSE to resolve this matter, including undertaking a retrospective reconciliation exercise to ensure the correct payments have or will be made and where required appropriate adjustments will be made. Where an outstanding payment is causing your practice difficulty, NHS England advise that you should make your local commissioner aware as it may be possible to provide a potential advance payment, until the matter is resolved. To understand what claims have been submitted and are outstanding, please contact nhsbsa.gpsupport@nhs.net where one of the team will be able to provide further clarity.

Transitional Arrangements until the 31st March 2023

As a transitional measure to avoid further payment delays, any drug reimbursement claims incorrectly submitted from October 2022 using a pooled list code will be amended by the NHS BSA and allocated to the Senior GP Partner prescriber number. The NHS BSA will contact the affected practices and provide support to ensure future claims are submitted using a GP prescriber number.

The transitional process will be in place until the 31 March 2023. From 1 April 2023 please ensure that all claims are submitted using a GP prescriber number.

Thank you for your support in reviewing your claims process and adjusting as soon as practically possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Henderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Emily Henderson

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