

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1862

**The National Health Service (General
Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2015**

PART 8

Prescribing and dispensing

Electronic prescriptions

57.—(1) A prescriber may only order drugs, medicines or appliances by means of an electronic prescription if—

^{F1}(a)

^{F1}(b)

(c) the prescription is not—

(i) for a controlled drug within the meaning of section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 ^{M1} (which relates to controlled drugs and their classification for the purposes of that Act), other than a drug which is for the time being specified in Schedules 2 to 5 to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001, or

(ii) a bulk prescription issued for a school or institution under regulation 63.

^{F2}(1A) If a prescriber orders a drug, medicine or appliance by means of an electronic prescription, the prescriber must issue the patient with—

(a) subject to paragraph (1C), an EPS token; and

(b) if the patient, or where appropriate an authorised person, so requests, a written record of the prescription that has been created.

(1B) On and after the contractor's EPS phase 4 date, if the order is eligible for Electronic Prescription Service use, the prescriber must ascertain if the patient, or where appropriate the patient's authorised person, wants to have the electronic prescription dispensed by a nominated dispenser.

(1C) The prescriber must not issue the patient with an EPS token if the patient, or where appropriate the patient's authorised person, wants to have the electronic prescription dispensed by a nominated dispenser.]

(2) A health care professional may not order home oxygen services by means of an electronic prescription.

^{F3}(3)

^{F3}(4)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Reg. 57(1)(a)(b) omitted (26.11.2018) by virtue of [The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical Services, Charges and Prescribing\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1114\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(2)**
- F2** Reg. 57(1A)-(1C) inserted (26.11.2018) by [The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical Services, Charges and Prescribing\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1114\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(3)**
- F3** Reg. 57(3)(4) omitted (26.11.2018) by virtue of [The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical Services, Charges and Prescribing\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1114\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(4)**
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Marginal Citations

- M1** 1971 c.38. Section 2 was amended by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 17 to the [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 2(3)(4) inserted by [S.I. 2024/575 Sch. 1 para. 7\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 18(3)(3A) substituted for Sch. 3 para. 18(3) by [S.I. 2024/575 Sch. 1 para. 10](#)