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## **SMC Policy Changing Private scripts to FP10's**

Under NHS GMS Regulations the patient is entitled to receive any drug which is available on the NHS, via an NHS prescription.

Requests can be made for GPs to convert a private script to an FP10 however, as per safe prescribing guidelines we request an official clinic letter from the private consultant explaining the full rationale for the treatment.

### ***The doctor may decline to prescribe if:***

- A letter explaining the full rationale for the treatment has not been provided by the consultant in the private sector.
- Your GP feels the medicine is not clinically necessary.
- The medication is unlicensed.
- The medication is prescribed outside of its licensed indication.
- The medication is not one he or she would normally prescribe.
- The medication needs special monitoring and he or she feels they do not have the expertise to do this.
- The use of the medication conflicts with NICE guidance or locally agreed protocols.
- An equivalent but equally effective medicine is prescribed locally under prescribing advice from the ICB. In this situation you will be offered the equivalent medicine.
- The medicine being recommended is not licensed or only suitable for specialist prescribing.
- The medicine being recommended is not included in our local medicine formulary which can be found at <https://www.westhertsformulary.nhs.uk/>

In any of these circumstances the patient will retain the option of purchasing the recommended medicine via a prescription from their consultant in the private sector. There is also no provision for refunding any money already spent on private treatment, including medicines.

### ***Please note:***

No prescriptions will be added to a patient record as an acute or repeat without a letter from the specialist. If the drug is not normally prescribed in the UK the nearest UK alternative can be issued if the prescriber feels it is within their competency.

The clinical pharmacist, community pharmacist or PMOT are there to advise if needed.

It may be necessary to get the advice and guidance of a UK specialist if the prescription is issued from outside the UK.

These requests fall outside of our Repeat Prescribing Policy and may require a GP Assessment

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