



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

Continuation of SMS reimbursement and the Electronic Prescription Fee

Dear electronic prescribing stakeholder

You will be aware that the Department of Health and Aged Care (the Department) released a Request for Tender (RFT) for the provision of electronic prescription delivery services.

I am writing to inform you that the Department, through the Australian Digital Health Agency, will continue to reimburse the cost of electronic prescribing SMS notifications to 31 March 2023, or until the outcomes of the RFT process is finalised (whichever comes first). This includes reimbursement for both the original electronic prescription tokens through prescribing systems, and the cost of repeat tokens, generated through dispensing systems.

The Department also wishes to confirm that the 15 cent electronic prescription fee (EPF) will be maintained until the RFT process is finalised.

The Department remains committed to the ongoing operation and evolution of Australia's electronic prescribing system. The Department will provide further information about the funding of the electronic prescribing infrastructure and operations in due course.

If you have further questions, please contact eprescribing@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Daniel McCabe', written over the typed name.

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