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NPFIT-ETP-EDB-0025.24 Prescribing Systems Compliance Specification v6.3

NPFIT-ETP-EDB-0024.26 Dispensing Systems Compliance Specification v5.1

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1 About this Document

1.1 Purpose

This document contains the ADDITIONAL and AMENDED requirements for the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) to support legislative changes that now permit the prescribing and dispensing of schedule 2 & 3 controlled drugs using electronically signed prescriptions.

This document must be read in conjunction with the relevant EPS Prescribing or EPS Dispensing Systems Compliance specifications.

1.2 Audience

This document has been written for system suppliers.

1.3 Content

This document comprises the following sections / topics.

- Changes to EPS Prescribing Specification
- Changes to EPS Dispensing Specification

The following use of terminology denotes the optionality of each requirement;

- Where the term '**must**' is used the requirement is mandatory
- Where the term '**should**' is used the requirement is optional but recommended
- Where the term '**could**' is used the requirement is optional.

2 Changes to EPS Prescribing Specification

This section contains the AMENDED and ADDITIONAL requirements for controlled drugs based on the current published EPS Prescribing Systems Compliance Specification v6.3 available from

http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/eps/library/compliance/presc_22v63.pdf.

This section **MUST** be read in conjunction with the published EPS Prescribing Systems Compliance Specification.

Section 6.11 - Controlled Drugs

AMENDED REQUIREMENTS

Ref	Requirement
6.11.2	The System <u>must</u> allow the prescribing of schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs using the EPS, via acute prescribing or repeat prescribing.
6.11.3	The System <u>must</u> allow the prescribing of schedule 4 and 5 controlled drugs using the EPS, via acute prescribing, repeat prescribing or repeat dispensing.
6.11.4	The System <u>must not</u> allow schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs to be prescribed using repeat dispensing.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

6.11.6	<p>When prescribing a schedule 2 or 3 controlled drug medication, the System <u>must</u> populate the quantity expressed in words, as it would be printed or written on a paper FP10 prescription, within an <originalText> element inside the quantity expressed in figures using the “alternative units” HL7 flavour.</p> <p>For example;</p> <pre><quantity value="28" unit="capsule"> <translation value="28" code="428641000" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.15" displayName="capsule"> <originalText>28 (twenty eight) capsule</originalText> </translation> </quantity></pre>
6.11.7	When displayed on screen, the quantity for schedule 2 or 3 controlled drug medication <u>must</u> be expressed in both words and figures, e.g. “28 (twenty eight) capsule”.
6.11.8	The System <u>may</u> prescribe schedule 2, 3, 4 or 5 controlled drugs on the same prescription, together with non-controlled drugs.

Section 6.12 - Prescription Token Printing and Authorisation

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT

6.12.11	The System <u>must</u> print on the prescription token the quantity prescribed in both words and figures for prescribed items that are schedule 2 or 3 controlled drugs, using the same syntax as used within the ParentPrescription message, e.g. "28 (twenty eight) capsule".
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3 Changes to EPS Dispensing Specification

This section contains the AMENDED and ADDITIONAL requirements for controlled drugs based on the current published EPS Dispensing Systems Compliance Specification v5.1 available from

<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/eps/library/compliance/discomspec.pdf>.

This section **MUST** be read in conjunction with the published EPS Dispensing Systems Compliance Specification.

Section 6.1 – Prescribing Models

AMENDED REQUIREMENT

Ref	Requirement
6.1.1	<p>Requirement Removed</p> <p>If a prescription signed with an Advanced Electronic Signature (AES) containing schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs is received by the System before necessary DH legislation is changed, then the prescription is not a legal NHS prescription. The prescribed items <u>must</u> be marked as “Not Dispensed” within a Dispense Notification, using the reason code 0006 “Illegal NHS prescription”.</p>

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

6.1.4	<p>The quantity of medication prescribed for a schedule 2 or 3 controlled drug will be expressed in both words and figures using an <originalText> element inside the quantity expressed in figures using the “alternative units” HL7 flavour.</p> <p>For example;</p> <pre><quantity value="28" unit="capsule"> <translation value="28" code="428641000" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.15" displayName="capsule"> <originalText>28 (twenty eight) capsule</originalText> </translation> </quantity></pre> <p>When displayed on screen, the quantity for schedule 2 or 3 controlled drug medication <u>must</u> be expressed in both words and figures, e.g. “28 (twenty eight) capsule”.</p>
6.1.5	<p>The System <u>should</u> process the quantity of a schedule 2 or 3 controlled drug based on the representation in figures, not words.</p>
6.1.6	<p>Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 5 controlled drugs, together with non-controlled drugs, can be prescribed on the same prescription. The System <u>must</u> handle the differing expiry periods for such medication.</p>