



PBS CO-PAYMENT MEASURE

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IF A PATIENT PRESENTS A CTG PRESCRIPTION?

1. Check that the prescription is correctly annotated (see Figures 1 and 2).
2. Confirm that the patient's CTG status appears on your patient demographic screen. If this is the first time you're dispensing for this patient, change their status to CTG.
3. Dispense the PBS medicine as normal, entering the CTG annotation code when prompted.
4. Your system will calculate the correct co-payment to charge the patient.
5. Prescriptions for 'concessional' patients go in the 'concessional' claim pile and prescriptions for 'non-concessional' patients go in the 'general' claim pile even though you're charging a lower co-payment. 'RPBS' prescriptions go in the 'Repat' pile.
6. CTG prescriptions that would normally have been 'under co-payment' supplies should not be sent to Medicare Australia with your claim.
7. Your software will show the correct recordable value for PBS Safety Net.
8. The payments will be made to pharmacies by Medicare Australia as per the normal payment process/schedule (not retrospectively). It will be a seamless payment process.

WHAT DOES A CTG PRESCRIPTION LOOK LIKE?

A CTG prescription will either have an automated or a manual annotation that will usually appear on the right hand side of the prescription next to the 'Patient's name and address' area.

The automated annotation will look like 'CTG82K', where the '82' relates to the prescriber's prescription number for the day and the 'K' is a check digit (see Figure 1). The annotation will carry over to all repeats from the original prescription (see Figure 3). Look for the annotation code in the manual pricing box on repeats.

The manual annotation will have the letters CTG written on the prescription followed by the prescriber's initials or signature (see Figure 2).

REMEMBER...

- You'll be reimbursed for every correctly annotated CTG prescription you dispense.
- You're not required to decide on patient or practice eligibility – you should dispense according to normal practice when you get a correctly annotated CTG prescription.
- Inform your pharmacists and staff about the arrangements under this program.

WHERE DO I GO TO GET MORE INFORMATION?

For questions about PBS Claims call Medicare Australia on 132 290.

For questions about the CTG PBS Co-payment Measure, call the Department of Health and Ageing on 02 6289 2409 or email pbs-indigenous@health.gov.au

FIGURE 1

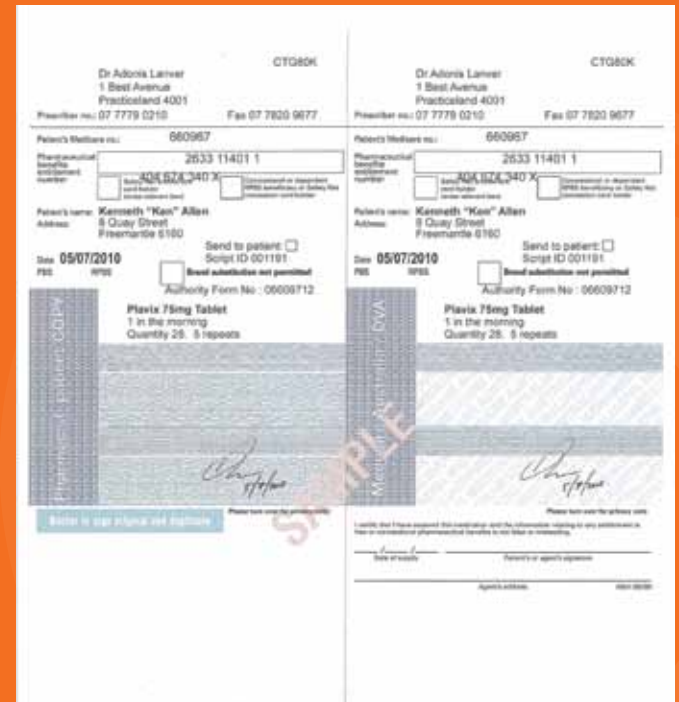


FIGURE 2



FIGURE 3

