



## **Introduction of HRT prepayment certificates (HRT PPCs)**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) [announced](#) on 21.2.23 that patients in England will be able to access Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) for menopause through a new Hormone Replacement Therapy prescription prepayment certificate (HRT PPC).

From 1st April 2023, patients who usually pay for their HRT prescriptions will be able to purchase an annual HRT PPC for the cost of two single prescription charges (currently £18.70). The HRT PPC, valid for 12 months, is applicable only to listed HRT items licensed for the treatment of menopause (see page 2). The list of eligible HRT medicines will also be published in the April 2023 Drug Tariff.

A patient with an HRT PPC will continue to pay the prescription charge for any other (non-HRT) medicines (unless another exemption reason applies).

If HRT item and another medicine is prescribed on the same prescription (mixed prescription) then this presents a potential problem for a patient who has an HRT PPC because community pharmacy cannot process a prescription as both 'exempt' and 'paid' within the NHS prescription processing and pricing systems.

**Hence prescribers in general practice must write HRT items on separate FP10 prescriptions for each item covered by the HRT PPC.** This will help

- Patients to claim the exemption correctly.
- Ensure that issues related to NHS prescription processing and pricing systems do not affect GP's and community pharmacy

Please can GP teams communicate this to their prescription teams and clinicians.

**Practices could do the following in addition so that the above is pro-actively implemented**

- Practice to run a search to identify all pts on HRT under 60 and send them an accurx message to request them to order HRT meds separate to any other repeat meds from April 2023.
- add above information to Systm1 online so pts who use the online platform to order HRT medication on repeat are advised to request this as a separate medication request
- add the above information on practice website to advise patients.



## HRT items in scope for the HRT-only PPC (as of 21 February 2023)

<b>Product name</b>	<b>Ingredient</b>
Bedol	Estradiol 2mg
Bijuve/Bijuva	Estradiol 1mg; micronised progesterone 100mg
Blissel	Estriol 50mcg
Climanor	Medroxyprogesterone 5mg
Clinorette	Estradiol 2mg; norethisterone 1mg
Elleste Duet	Estradiol 1mg and 2mg; norethisterone 1mg
Elleste Duet Conti	Estradiol 2mg; norethisterone 1mg
Elleste Solo	Estradiol 1mg and 2 mg
Estraderm MX	Estradiol 25mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg and 100mcg
Estradot	Estradiol 25mcg, 37.5mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg and 100mcg
Estring	Estradiol 7.5mcg/24 hours
Estriol	Estriol 0.01%
Ethinylestradiol	Ethinylestradiol 10mcg
Evorel	Estradiol 25mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg and 100mcg
Evorel Conti	Estradiol 50mcg; norethisterone 170mcg
Evorel Sequi	Estradiol 50mcg; norethisterone 170mcg
Femoston	Estradiol 1mg and 2mg; dydrogesterone 10mg
Femoston Conti	Estradiol 500mcg and 1mg; dydrogesterone 2.5mg and 5mg
Femseven	Estradiol 50mcg, 75mcg
Femseven Conti	Estradiol 50mcg; levonorgestrel 7mcg
FemSeven Sequi	Estradiol 50mcg; levonorgestrel 10mcg
Gina	Estradiol 10mcg
Imvaggis	Estriol 30mcg
Indivina	Estradiol 1mg and 2mg; medroxyprogesterone 2.5mg and 5mg
Kliofem	Estradiol 2mg; norethisterone 1mg
Kliovance	Estradiol 1mg; norethisterone 500mcg
Lenzetto	Estradiol 1.53mg
Livial	Tibolone 2.5mg
Mirena	Levonorgestrel 20mcg/24 hours
Novofem	Estradiol 1mg; norethisterone 1mg
Oestrogel/dose	Estradiol 0.06%
Ovestin	Estriol 1mg
Premarin	Conjugated oestrogen 300mcg, 625mcg and 1.25mg
Premique low dose	Conjugated oestrogen 300mcg; medroxyprogesterone 1.5mg
Progynova	Estradiol 1mg and 2mg
Progynova TS	Estradiol 50mcg and 100mcg
Sandrena	Estradiol 500mcg and 1mg
Tridestra	Estradiol 2mg; medroxyprogesterone 20mg
Trisequens	Estradiol 2mg/2mg/1mg; norethisterone 1mg
Utrogestan	Micronised progesterone 100mg and 200mg
Vagifem	Estradiol 10mcg
Vagirux	Estradiol 10mcg
Zumenon	Estradiol 1mg and 2mg

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