



Australian Government

Department of Health

Continuation of SMS reimbursement and the Electronic Prescription Fee

Dear electronic prescribing stakeholder

You will be aware that the Department of Health (the Department) recently 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 at least 30 September 2022 while the RFT process is underway. 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 handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DMC', written over a blue diagonal line.

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