

29 March 2010

Dear Pharmacist

Update on Nicotine Replacement Therapy dispensed on prescription and Quit Card

As you will be aware, Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) became subsidised on Prescription and Quit Card in September 2009. This change enabled Practitioners, but not Quit Card Providers, to write a prescription for subsidised NRT as an alternative to Quit Cards.

PHARMAC has received several queries since this change. The purpose of this letter is to provide some clarification around common queries and to inform you of a name change for the Quit Group signature that is used on Quit Cards issued by the Quitline.

Length of validity on repeats

The length of validity on repeats for NRT dispensed on prescription and Quit Cards is 90 days. For LOTS, when dispensing an NRT script with a repeat, type in 'T' in the repeat field for '1 repeat before 3/12'. This needs to be manually changed on TONIQ. Instructions from TONIQ are attached to this communication.

New signature on Quit Cards issued by the Quitline

Quit Cards issued by the Quitline now have a new authorised signature in the signature field. There is now a signature with "Authorised electronic Quit Group signature" printed underneath. No other changes have been made to these Quit Cards and they should continue to be processed as usual. An example of the new signature field is presented below:

Provider's details	
Full name	Quitline
Identifier/registration no.	MC88888
Address	P.O.Box 12 605 Wellington 6144
Contact phone no.	0800 778 778
Signature 	Date 25/02/2010
Authorised electronic Quit Group signature	

General reminders

Correct NZMC registration numbers to be used for Quit Card providers and the Quitline are:

- 88888 – Quit Cards issued by Quitline
- 99999 – Quit Cards issued by Community Quit Card Providers

Access Exemption Criteria does not apply for NRT dispensed on prescription or Quit Card.

More information

For more information, please call our toll free number (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday) on 0800 66 00 50.



NRT MEDICINES Repeat expiry

In the April 2010 medicine update Toniq have corrected the repeat expiry for Habitrol and Nicotinell to 90.

Check that the correct value will be used by removing the “Override first repeat” that may have been entered previously.

From Dispensary Prescription Entry screen: Select each subsidised NRT product, for Habitrol and Nicotinell.

F7 Medicine

Type pharmacode (see below)

F9 Goto Misc

Enter 0 in **Override first repeat** as shown and Press F12 to save.

This will change to 90 when the April med update is run.

Miscellaneous

Shortcut Override first repeat 56

Class Override std C/A's

Pharmacode	Brand	Form	Strength
2006979	NICOTINELL	Gum	2mg Mint
2006995	NICOTINELL	Gum	4mg Mint
2007010	NICOTINELL	Gum	2mg Fruit
2007037	NICOTINELL	Gum	4mg Fruit
2179504	HABITROL	Gum	2mg Fruit
2179512	HABITROL	Gum	4mg Fruit
2179520	HABITROL	Gum	2mg Mint
2179539	HABITROL	Gum	4mg Mint
2179547	HABITROL	Patches	7mg/24hr
2179555	HABITROL	Patches	14mg/24hr
2179563	HABITROL	Patches	21mg/24hr
2294370	HABITROL	Lozenges	1mg Mint
2294389	HABITROL	Lozenges	2mg Mint