

Disallowed items

Through internal routine checks we have noticed a rise in items that are not being passed for payment and are therefore having to be Disallowed. Several factors can determine if an item is allowed to be prescribed on an NHS prescription:

- Nature of the product – check if the drug is permitted on the NHS or if the appliance is listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff.
- Prescriber type – check the prescriber holds the relevant registration(s) to issue prescriptions for the prescribed item(s).
- Dental or Nurse Prescribers' formulary – check the prescribed items are listed in the relevant prescriber formulary.
- Form type – check the product prescribed is on a valid NHS prescription.
- Prescriber endorsements – check the prescriber has annotated the prescription with the correct endorsements.

A high percentage of disallowed items are those ordered by dentists or community nurse prescribers which are not listed in their respective drug formularies or are an appliance or chemical reagent that is not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff.

Nurse prescribers

If the prescription is issued by a Community Nurse Prescriber, the item must be listed in the Nurse Prescriber Formulary for the item to be reimbursed.

The table below shows some common items we see ordered by Community Nurse Prescribers which are not included in the Nurse Prescriber Formulary:

Item Ordered	Reason for Disallowed
<p>Dermol 500 Lotion</p>	<p>Ordered by a Community Nurse. Item not listed in the Nurse Prescriber Formulary</p>
<p>Hydrocortisone 1% Cream</p>	<p>Ordered by a Community Nurse. Item not listed in the Nurse Prescriber Formulary</p>

Dental forms

Dentists can only prescribe products included in the [Dental Prescribing Formulary](#) on an FP10D prescription. The table below shows some of the most common items we see ordered on a dental form which are not included on the dental prescribing list:

Item Ordered	Reason for Disallowed	
Ibuprofen 100mg/5ml oral suspension	Item ordered on a FP10D - Not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary	Please endorse Suspension sugar free to receive payment
Amoxicillin 250mg/5ml oral solution	Item ordered on a FP10D - Not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary	Please endorse Suspension or Suspension sugar free to receive payment
Co-Amoxiclav 500mg/125mg tablets	Item ordered on a FP10D - Not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary	Only the 250mg/125mg tablets are allowed to be dispensed on an FP10D
Flucloxacillin capsules	Item ordered on a FP10D - Not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary	Flucloxacillin products are not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary, therefore are not allowed to be prescribed on an FP10D
Co-Codamol tablets	Item ordered on a FP10D - Not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary	Co-Codamol products are not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary, therefore are not allowed to be prescribed on an FP10D
Codeine Phosphates tablets	Item ordered on a FP10D - Not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary	Codeine Phosphate products are not listed in the Dental Prescribing Formulary, therefore are not allowed to be prescribed on an FP10D

Appliance Items

We also receive a number of Appliance items that are not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff, see examples below:

Item Ordered	Item Endorsed	Reason for Disallowed
Diprobace Cream	Diprobace Cream	Item not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff
Olive Oil ear drops	Item endorsed Cerumol Olive Oil ear drops	Item not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff
Olive Oil ear drops	Item endorsed Otex Olive Oil ear drops	Item not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff
Sodium Chloride nasal drops	Item endorsed Snufflebabe nasal drops	Item not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff
Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops	Item endorsed Vizulize eye drops	Item not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff

Tokens

EPS Tokens incorrectly submitted for processing - EPS Tokens are used for information purposes only and will not be used for reimbursement as payment will be made against the electronically submitted EPS message.

Number of days' treatment N.B. Ensure dose is stated	NHS Number:
NOMINATED EPS TOKEN	
Endorsements	Amoxicillin 500mg capsules 5 years and older take one 3 times/day 10 capsule — * — 1 item on this prescription *
Signature of Prescriber	Date 03/09/2022
<p>PRESCRIPTION TOKEN – Not to be used as a prescription, even if signed by an authorised prescriber.</p>	