

# COMMUNITY PHARMACY SCOTLAND

## MAS

### Pricing Guide and Pricing Rules:

- for items in the Scottish Drug Tariff
- for items which are frequently disallowed

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# MAS Prescribing

## Pricing Guide and Pricing Rules

This guide is designed to help you prescribe effectively for your patients whilst ensuring that you will be reimbursed correctly.

Following agreement with Community Pharmacy Scotland, PSD implemented new pricing procedures from 1 September.

All MAS prescriptions are now priced using the rules in place for the pricing of GP10 prescriptions. **The main impact for you will be on the pricing of prescriptions for items where a version of that product appears in Part 7 of the tariff.**

The MAS specification sets out the formulary available to you:

- all P and GSL medicines which are not blacklisted,
- dressings and appliances from Part 2 of the tariff,
- selected items from Part 3 of the tariff,
- any Prescription Only Medicines agreed suitable and which are underpinned by PGDs.

This is then qualified by the statement that you should prescribe in line with local and national NHS prescribing policy and guidance such as local joint formularies. Currently the community pharmacy website on SHOW ([www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk)) lists 11 such formularies.

In order to ensure that payment will be made for medicines prescribed under MAS, **you need to pay special attention to the prescribing of those items which are available in both counter and dispensing packs** (i.e. as P, GSL and POM products). Examples are aciclovir cream or mebeverine tablets. The majority

of items in Part 7 are held on file as POM packs and that is the **default option** which will be used for pricing. We have introduced a number of smaller P packs into the tariff and we will continue to work on adding more as necessary, but we have now been able to identify a number of products where that solution is not available to us. The only option left is to prescribe using the proprietary name for the product and for payment to be made on that basis. However as payment should have been made for that product anyway it should not generate additional cost to the NHS.

Community Pharmacy Scotland has looked through all the published formularies to establish which Part 7 medicines are included in at least one of the formularies. The indicative quantities given for prescribing also vary from area to area but our focus has been to establish where the potential exists for prescriptions to be disallowed.

We have subdivided this guide into 5 sections:

- Part A consists of those items in Part 7 which you can prescribe generically and expect payment to be made at the tariff rate. Only pack size endorsements will be considered for these products.
- Part B consists of the items in Part 7 where we would advise you to prescribe a non black-listed proprietary product in order to secure payment.
- Part C contains the items currently allowed on MAS scripts from Part 2 and 3 of the Drug Tariff
- Part D contains information on the National PGDs currently in operation.
- Part E contains details of items, not in the Drug Tariff, which are commonly disallowed.

# Pricing Guide

**Part A MAS formulary medicines with a version in Part 7 which you can prescribe generically and expect to be paid at the DT rate.**

Remember:

- You can prescribe generically
- You should endorse the pack size when more than one pack size is listed in the DT.
- You will be paid at the DT rate
- Any other endorsement will be ignored

Generic	Form	Strength	Smallest DT Pack
Aciclovir	Cream	5%	2g
Aqueous Cream	Cream		100g*
Aqueous Cream	Cream		500g*
Aspirin Dispersible	Tabs	300mg	32
Bisacodyl	Suppositories	10mg	12
Bisacodyl	Tabs	5mg	1000
Calamine	Lotion		200ml
Calamine Aqueous	Cream		100g
Cetirizine	Tabs	10mg	30
Cetirizine Oral	Solution	5mg/5ml	200ml
Chloramphenicol	Eye Drops	0.50%	10ml
Chlorphenamine	Tabs	4mg	28
Cinnarizine	Tabs	15mg	15
Cinnarizine	Tabs	15mg	84
Clotrimazole	Cream	1%	20g
Co-Codamol	Tabs	8/500mg	32
Emulsifying	Ointment		500g
Ephedrine	Nasal Drops	0.50%	10ml
Fluconazole	Capsules	150mg	1
Glycerin Adult	Suppositories	4g	12
Glycerin Child	Suppositories	2g	12
Glycerin Infant	Suppositories	1g	12
Hydrocortisone	Cream	1%	15g
Hydrocortisone	Ointment	1%	15g
Hypromellose	Eye Drops	0.30%	10ml
Ibuprofen	Tabs	200mg	24
Ibuprofen	Tabs	400mg	24
Ibuprofen	SF Suspension	100mg/5ml	100ml

## Part A - continued

Generic	Form	Strength	Smallest DT Pack
Lactulose	Solution		300ml*
Lactulose	Soln		500ml*
Magnesium Hydroxide	Mixture		500ml
Magnesium Sulphate	Paste		25g
Menthol	Crystals		5g
Olive Oil	Oil		2000ml
Paracetamol	TabS	500mg	32
Paracetamol	Suspension	250mg/5ml	500ml
Paracetamol	SF Suspension	120mg/5ml	100ml
Paracetamol	SF Suspension	120mg/5ml	200ml
Paracetamol	SF Suspension	250mg/5ml	200ml
Paracetamol Soluble	<b>Soluble</b> Tabs	500mg	60
Paraffin Soft White			500g
Paraffin Soft Yellow			500g
Pholcodine	Linctus	5mg/5ml	200ml
Pholcodine SF	Linctus	5mg/5ml	2000ml
Senna	TabS	7.5mg	60
Simple Linctus	Linctus		200ml
Xylometazoline	<b>Nasal</b> Drops	0.10%	10ml
Xylometazoline	Nasal Spray	0.10%	10ml
Xylometazoline Paed	<b>Nasal</b> Drops	0.05%	10ml
Zinc and Castor Oil			500g

\*Two pack sizes listed because indicative quantities in local formularies vary

**Part B MAS formulary medicines with a version in Part 7 where we would advise you to prescribe a non Black-listed proprietary product in order to secure payment**

**Remember:**

- The DT packs shown in the table below are POM packs even though there are P packs available.
- PSD uses these DT packs for pricing as they are the only packs held on file for these generics.
- You cannot prescribe POM packs (unless there is a PGD in place)
- Prescribe a non black-listed proprietary product.

Generic	Form	Strength	Tariff pack
Beclomethasone	Nasal Spray		200 dose
Clotrimazole	Vaginal Tabs	500mg	1
Domperidone	Tabs	10mg	30
Ketoconazole Shampoo (for seborrhoeic dermatitis of scalp)			120ml
Ketoprofen	Gel	2.50%	100g
Loperamide	Caps	2mg	30
Loratadine	Tabs	10mg	30
Loratadine	Syrup	5mg/5ml	100ml
Mebeverine	Tabs	135mg	100
Omeprazole	Tabs	10mg	28
Sodium Cromoglycate	Eye Drops	2%	13.5ml
Sumatriptan	Tabs	50mg	6

## Part C Items Prescribable under MAS from Parts 2 and 3 of the Drug Tariff

### Part 2 Dressings

Pharmacists may prescribe all products in Part 2 of the Drug Tariff, other than those marked as GP10a only.

### Part 3 Appliances

The following appliances are the only ones **allowed** on a MAS prescription form:

- Bug Buster Head Lice detection and eradication kit
- Nitty Gritty Nit Comb
- Sodium Chloride (saline) nasal drops 10ml
- Sodium Bicarbonate Ear Drops 10ml
- Saliva preparations

## Part D Prescription Only Medicines (POMs) underpinned by national Patient Group Direction (PGDs) for MAS.

Currently there are two in use:

- Chloramphenicol Eye Drops 10ml (POM)
- Fluconazole 150mg Capsules (Pack size of 1) (POM)

# Pricing Rules

## Part E Commonly Disallowed Items – non Drug Tariff

- Avoid prescribing branded or 'own brand' medicines such as chesty cough medicines. Most are rejected.

ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN DISALLOWED	REASON FOR DISALLOWING	ALLOWED ITEM
Adcortyl in Orabase paste 5g	The words 'mouth ulcer' have been omitted	Adcortyl in Orabase mouth ulcer paste 5g
Aluminium Hydroxide SF susp	No mention of SF formulation in any price list.	Aluminium Hydroxide suspension
Anusol HC ointment	Anusol HC Ointment is a POM Anusol Plus HC is the P pack	Anusol Plus HC ointment
Anusol HC suppositories	Anusol HC suppositories are a POM. Anusol Plus HC suppositories are the P pack	Anusol Plus HC supps
Clobetasone cream 0.05% 30g	30g pack is a POM	15g pack
Daktacort cream	The term HC which is the P pack has been omitted	Daktacort HC cream
Emergency Hormonal Contraception Products (EHC)	Not allowed under MAS	None
Ibuprofen syrup	Syrup = Brufen which is a POM	Ibuprofen suspension
Ketoprofen gel 2.5% 30g	Unless the 30g P pack is clearly endorsed, pricing defaults to the DT 100g POM pack.	Ketoprofen gel 2.5% 30g P pack (A branded product)
Liquid Paraffin/White soft Paraffin (Loveridge)	Version is not held on file by PSD	Liquid Paraffin/White soft Paraffin
Mebendazole chewable tabs ('Own brand')	This is a price file problem. Own brands tend not to be on PSD's file.	A branded P product
Mebendazole suspension 30ml	The Janssen product is a POM.	A branded P product
Motilium tabs 10mg	Must be prescribed specifically as the P licensed pack. Motilium without a number 10 in the title is a POM	Motilium 10 tabs 10mg
Nicotine Replacement Therapy Products (NRT)	Not allowed under MAS	None
Paracetamol caplets 500mg 32	The version held on file is a POM	Tablets or capsules
Terbinafine cream 15g	POM quantity prescribed	A branded 7.5g P pack
Terbinafine cream 30g	POM pack prescribed	A branded 7.5g P pack

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