

PharmacyPro Update News January 2008

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Welcome to your January 2008 Update News...

Optometrist Prescribing and Dispensing

From 1 January 2008, authorised optometrists will have a limited list of PBS items from which they can prescribe.

An authorised optometrist will have a prescriber number in the range 4000000-4150000.

The initial list of PBS items will include 16 drugs, 30 PBS items and 45 brands.

Optometrist PBS items will have their unique item codes and be listed under their own section of the PBS Schedule. These will have a Drug Category of "OT".

For more information, go to the PharmacyPro Main menu, Help, PBS 2007 Changes and view the "Summary of Changes". More information is available in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.

Safety Net Rollover

On the first day of year 2008, PharmacyPro will automatically do the Safety Net Rollover for you. Please check the patient Category when you start Dispensing.

To View Safety Net Report from last year, just tick the option called "Show Previous Safety Net Year". To access this report, from the PharmacyPro Main Menu – Reports – Patient Reports – SNet Report.



Aztec Report

Your Aztec data extraction will now be sent directly to Aztec via the internet rather than putting it on a disk.

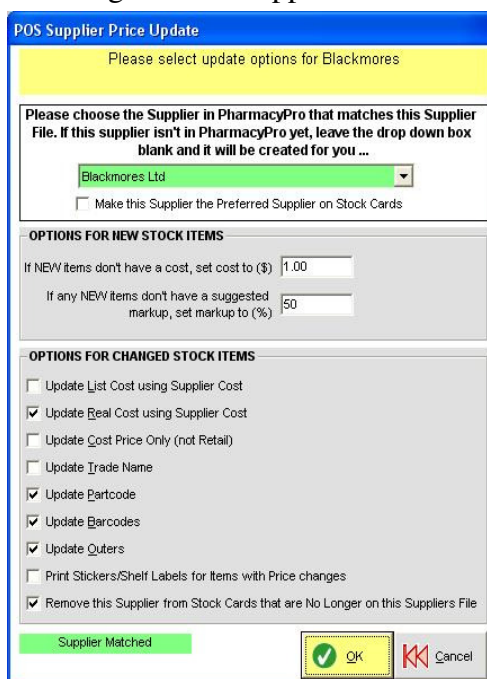
PSLnet Suppliers

The list of available PSLnet suppliers has been updated. Go to the Supplier Utility to see the new list (modify a supplier and click on the PSLnet SupplierID drop down box).

Supplier Update Utility

Two new options have been added to this.

1. "Make this Supplier the Preferred Supplier on Stock Cards".
2. "Remove this Supplier from Stock Cards that are no longer on this suppliers file" (when this option is selected, it will go through all the items in PharmacyPro from the chosen supplier, and will remove the supplier / part code from the stock card if it is no longer on the suppliers file.



Special pricing arrangements - Efavirenz

There is a special supply arrangement in place for the new Section 100 HSD listing of Efavirenz, item code 9618F. The manufacturer has agreed to provide this item at a discounted price.

The actual agreed price is the one that reimbursement to pharmacists will be based on for the supply of this item and not the price ex-manufacturer as listed in the January 2008 PBS Schedule

Changes to PBS Rates

PBS Rates will automatically adjust when you start Dispensing on the first day of 2008 (even if you run the update before 2008).

To check whether the new PBS Rates are the same as below in year 2008, go to the PharmacyPro main menu – Dispense – Window menu on the top – Options.

The rates won't be changed in year 2007 even if you have run the update beforehand.

The following changes to PBS rates will apply from 1 January 2008:

Co-payment:

General patient co-payment:	\$31.30
Concessional patient co-payment:	\$5.00

Safety Net Threshold:

General patient safety net threshold:	\$1141.80
Concessional patient safety net threshold:	\$290.00 (\$5.00 x 58)
Safety net card issue fee:	\$7.86
Allowable extra Fee, (for items priced below the general patient co-payment):	\$3.63

Has your Monthly Update Gone Through?

You can now check to make sure your monthly update has gone through correctly by checking for a new drug card called 'New Drug January 08'. Next month this will be overwritten to 'New Drug February 08'. A reminder too that you can download your monthly update from the internet – Tools – Updates – Download Monthly Update.

Account Statements by Email

HealthSoft is transitioning to sending your account statements via email. So please keep an eye out for your emailed statement, and let us know if there's a specific email address that you'd like these sent to. Let us know if you still require a paper copy of your statement.

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