



Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

September
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2023

Welcome to the schedule communications, where you will find useful information and helpful tips

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GOS(S)1 eye examination patient signature booklet

[PCA\(O\)2023\(03\)](#) advised that the Scottish Government intends to amend legislation to remove the legal requirement to capture patient / patient representative signatures for GOS eye examinations via the eye examination patient signature booklet. Until then, this requirement remains operationally suspended as it has done since March 2020.

Please destroy any unused patient signature booklets you have in your practice. Any order requests for patient signature booklet will not be fulfilled.

End to issuing of HES(S)1 forms to HES patients

With immediate effect, HES(S)1 forms should no longer be issued to patients. If a HES patient needs to have an eye examination undertaken in the community, then this should be undertaken under General Ophthalmic Services arrangements – and claimed as such, for payment purposes, by the relevant community optometrist via a GOS(S)1 claim.

Please destroy any unused HES(S)1 forms you have in your practice. Any order requests for HES(S)1 forms will not be fulfilled.

This change does not affect the system of issuing HES(S)3 NHS optical voucher forms to HES patients.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) allowance

As set out in [PCA\(O\)2023\(03\)](#), the [CPD allowance claim form](#) for appropriate CPD undertaken in 2022 is now available on [eyes.scot](#)

A separate claim must be made for each eligible person and must be received by P&CFS by midnight on **Thursday 30 November 2023**. Claims received after this date will not be paid.

The form must be completed electronically. Please read the appropriate **guidance** before completing the CPD allowance claim form.

Once completed, the form should be attached to an email and sent to nss.psdGOSCPDclaims@nhs.scot with 'GOS CPD Allowance' in the subject field.

CHI Downtime

Due to a service update, the 'patient search' facility will not be available between **18:00 on Tuesday 31 October and 08:00 on Wednesday 1 November 2023**. You will be unable to create any new claims on your system during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

If there are any changes to these planned downtime periods we will email your NHS mail account and update our [website](#)

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