FAQs for Health Professionals

**Will any item that is not on the PBS continue to be subsidised by the hospital?**
Non-PBS medications that are on the statewide hospital formulary will continue to be subsidised for Tasmanian public hospital patients.

**How do patients pay for their medications on discharge?**
Patients are given a number of options to pay for their medications. They are able to pay prior to leaving the hospital at the hospital cashier or they can pay at a later stage. Payment options include in person at Service Tasmania, Australia Post, by mail, via BPAY or by phone using the invoice provided to them with the medication.

**Will inpatients be required to contribute a co-payment for their medications?**
Inpatient medications will continue to be supplied to patients free of charge.

**Can prescriptions generated by a general practitioner (“community prescription”) be dispensed at the hospital pharmacy department?**
Hospital pharmacy departments can only dispense hospital generated PBS prescriptions.

**Can prescriptions generated at the hospital be dispensed at a community pharmacy?**
Hospital PBS prescriptions can be dispensed at a community pharmacy in the rare event that the hospital pharmacy is unable to provide supply. The prescription form is in triplicate –the top two copies are required to dispense. All the information required to dispense is included on the hospital PBS prescription. See the Fact Sheet for Community Pharmacists for more dispensing tips. The hospital PBS prescription is claimed in the same manner as regular prescriptions.

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