Dispensing Factsheet: No Charge and Multi-Charge Items

Pharmacy teams can be presented with prescriptions for items which incur either a single charge, no charge, or multiple charges. Here we list some commonly encountered no charge and multiple charge items.

Multiple Prescription Charges

Multiple prescription charges are payable where on the same prescription:

- Different drugs, types of dressings or appliances; including those ordered with extra parts are supplied;
- Different formulations or presentations of the same drug or preparation are prescribed and supplied;
- Additional parts are supplied together with a complete set of apparatus or additional dressing(s) together with a dressing pack;
- More than one piece of elastic hosiery is prescribed and supplied (there is one charge for each anklet, knee cap, below knee, above knee or thigh stocking supplied).

Examples of Two Charge Items Including Combination Packs

Actonel Combi	Cyclo-progynova 2mg	Migraleve (combination pack)
Ametop 4% gel disp pack	Elleste Duet 1mg or 2mg	Pabrinex I/M High Potency 5ml + 2ml
Canesten Combi pessary & cream	Evorel Sequi patches	Pabrinex I/V High Potency 5ml + 5ml
Canesten Oral & Cream Duo	Femoston 1/10mg or 2/10mg	Tridestra
Clinorette	FemSeven Sequi patches	Trisequens

No Prescription Charge

No charge is payable for contraceptive substances and listed contraceptive appliances for women (as referenced in Part XVI Clause 10 of the Drug Tariff) prescribed on FP10 or any of its variants. These items do not need to be annotated for contraceptive use by the prescriber and a prescription charge should not be levied for these products.

Prescriptions for any other drug not referenced in Part XVI Clause 10 of the Drug Tariff which is to be used for contraceptive purposes must be annotated by the prescriber with 'CC', 'OC' or the female symbol ♀. In the absence of such an endorsement by the prescriber the normal prescription charge will apply to that item; where the patient does not have any valid exemption.

The following list contains commonly dispensed products which incur either no prescription charge or multiple prescription charges.

List of Contraceptive Drugs to be Dispensed Free of Charge:

Brevinor	Ethinylestradiol 20µg / Gestodene 75µg tablets	Jaydess 13.5mg intrauterine device	Mirena System
Cerazette	Ethinylestradiol 30µg / Gestodene 75µg tablets	Levonelle 1500	Nexplanon
Cerelle	Ethinylestradiol 20µg / Norethisterone acetate 1mg tablets	Levonelle One-Step	Norgeston
Cilest	Ethinylestradiol 30µg / Norethisterone acetate 1.5mg tablets	Levonorgestrel 13.5mg intrauterine device	Noriday
Cimizt	Ethinylestradiol 35µg / Norethisterone 500µg tablets	Levonorgestrel Tablets 1.5mg	Norimin
Daylette 0.02mg/3mg tablets	Ethinylestradiol 35µg / Norgestimate 250µg tablets	Levonorgestrel 20µg/24hours intrauterine device	Norinyl-1
Depo-Provera 150mg/ml	Etonogestrel 68mg implant	Levosert 20µg/24hours intrauterine device	Noristerat Injection
Desogestrel Tablets 75microgram	Evra	Loestrin 20 and 30	Nuvaring
Desomono 75µg tablets	Feanolla	Logynon and Logynon ED	Ovranette
Elevin	Femodene and Femodene ED	Lucette tablets	Qlaira
Ellaone	Femodette	Marvelon	Rigevidon tablets
Eloine 0.02mg/3mg tablets	Gedarel 20µg/150µg tablets	Medroxyprogesterone Acetate Injection (Aqueous Suspension) 150mg/5ml	Sayana Press Injection
Ethinylestradiol 20µg / Desogestrel 150µg tablets	Gedarel 30µg/150µg tablets	Mercilon	Sunya
Ethinylestradiol 30µg / Desogestrel 150µg tablets		Microgynon 30 and 30 ED	Synphase
Ethinylestradiol 20µg / Drospirenone 3mg tablets		Micronor	Triadene
Ethinylestradiol 30µg / Drospirenone 3mg tablets			TriRegol tablets
			Upostelle tablets
			Yacella 0.03mg /3mg tablets
			Yasmin
			Zelleta 75µg tablets
			Zoely

Please note these lists are not exhaustive and are subject to change.

For more information on the number of charges payable see Part XVI Clause 10, 11 & 12 of The Drug Tariff.
For information on the prescription charges that should be levied for a particular product or combination of products, please contact the PSNC Dispensing and Supply Team on 0203 1220 810 or email **info@psnc.org.uk**