### Important - Changes to the Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC)

Dear Pharmacist

We are replacing the current PPC plastic card with a digital certificate. This will be in the form of a text message and/or email.

# When will this happen?

From February, we will be piloting digital certificates with patients in England. Following feedback this pilot, we plan to increase the number of people receiving a digital certificate from summer 2018.

# What does this mean for you and your staff?

You may be shown a digital certificate when asking to see evidence of a valid PPC. This could be on a smartphone or a printed copy.

If a patient presents a digital certificate, they can receive their prescription items without paying. If a patient states they have a PPC but can't show it, mark 'evidence not seen' on the prescription form and don't charge the patient. We carry out checks to prevent fraud.

#### Get in touch

If you have any feedback about the pilot please contact us via telephone on 0191 244 6452 or email nhsbsa.prepaymentfeedbackbeta@nhs.net.

Thank you for your support.

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#### Did you know...?

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