



Electronic National Residential Medication Chart (eNRMC) Transitional Arrangement extended to 31 March 2027

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All Transitional eNRMC software vendors have successfully passed electronic prescribing conformance assessment, marking a significant milestone in modernising medication management in residential aged care.

Residential aged care homes (RACHs) using a Transitional version of an eNRMC product may continue to operate under the eNRMC Transitional Arrangement until 31 March 2027. This means RACHs must upgrade their eNRMC product version by this date.

End of eNRMC Transitional Arrangement

The Transitional Arrangement ends on **31 March 2027**. From 1 April 2027, new medication orders should be created and managed through conformant electronic prescribing eNRMC systems. PBS prescriptions generated under the Transitional Arrangement before 1 April 2027 will remain valid for PBS claiming purposes for the maximum PBS validity period. From 1 April 2027, any new medication orders created using Transitional versions of eNRMC systems will require separate PBS prescriptions, either paper or electronic.

Why transition to a conformant eNRMC system?

With electronic prescribing capability now available across all conformant eNRMC systems, the sector can move to safer, more connected and more efficient medication management workflows for prescribers, residential aged care staff and pharmacies.

 Safer medication management Supports safer and more efficient medication management.	 Reduced administrative burden Streamlines workflows for prescribers, pharmacies and aged care staff.	 More flexible reviews and renewals Makes chart reviews and renewals easier to manage.	 Improved communication Improves communication between prescribers, pharmacies and aged care providers.
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What must happen from 1 April 2027?

From 1 April 2027:

- RACHs should be using a conformant electronic prescribing eNRM system for all new PBS medication orders.
- Transitional eNRM systems must not be used to generate new PBS prescriptions from this date, although they may continue to support medication administration. If a RACH has not upgraded to a conformant version, prescribers will need to issue a separate PBS prescription, either paper or electronic.
- Existing prescriptions generated through a Transitional eNRM system before 1 April 2027 may remain valid for PBS claiming purposes up to the maximum PBS validity period.

What should providers do now?

To support a smooth transition, providers should:

- Confirm the availability of a conformant version and transition process with their eNRM provider.
- Coordinate with prescribers, pharmacies and RACH staff to manage the transition to conformant charts ahead of the 31 March 2027 deadline.
- Support prescribers, pharmacies and RACH staff with training and local processes for the transition period.

More information

For more information about electronic prescribing in residential aged care, including implementation requirements, conformance arrangements and transition timeframes, visit the Department's [eNRM Collection](#) page or contact your software vendor for support with transitioning to a conformant electronic prescribing eNRM system.