PREScriptions / MEDICATION ORders IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- Prescription needed and must be signed by medical officer
- Planning for extraordinary circumstances
  - The RCF should discuss with their GP and pharmacy the ‘WHAT ifs’ in the circumstance of COVID-19 to ensure clear lines of communication

Normal circumstance
- Medication prescribed by a medical officer.
- Pharmacy dispense the medication.

Ensure all Healthmail addresses are known to GP, Pharmacy and RCF

The RCF must ensure that the RCF fax number is known to the GP and Pharmacy

- A prescription can be sent by fax or by Healthmail from GP surgery to the RCF who then can forward to the pharmacy
- A prescription can be sent by Healthmail from GP surgery directly to the pharmacy ensuring that a copy is sent to the RCF electronically or on delivery of medication to the RCF. This will enable administration to the resident

A medication that a resident is currently in receipt of may be dispensed by pharmacy whilst awaiting a prescription.

In emergency situations see page 5 of NMBI Medicine Guidance

NOTE
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