

How to Access HOME MEDICINES REVIEW forms using Medical Director from January 2005

1. Open the patient record
2. In Letter Writer, you will find "DMMR Referral" and "DMMR Plan" in the supplied templates.
3. For the HMR Referral, under Select Addressee, enter the name of the patient's preferred pharmacy. (NOTE: Found under Companies/Pharmacy in Address Book. May need to add if a new pharmacy.)
4. Select from Progress Notes Selection, if relevant.
5. Select from Investigation Selection, if relevant to drug levels or metabolism.eg. U&Es, full blood tests, drug level monitoring, INRs.
6. Change defaults on User Defined Fields if necessary. Pharmacists can check on how patients are using glucometers, peak flow meters, and other devices.
7. Scroll down to Issues/Problems Table. Add an "X" to examples of medication risk factors, eg. Recent discharge from hospital. Add comments and therapeutic goals if relevant. This helps the pharmacist know which issues you believe are of most concern eg. compliance, confusion with recent medication changes etc.
8. Ensure patient consent. Print. Exit. Save changes. Forward to the patient's community pharmacy.

An HMR referral can be initiated during a normal attendance, with the Item 900 charged at the conclusion of the second visit (HMR Plan stage). The fee is currently \$143.40 with the 100% benefit now available (if bulk-billed the rebate is also able to be claimed). The patient is not charged for the pharmacist's home visit (this is paid through the HIC).

NOTE: The indication for an HMR is for those "at risk of medication misadventure". There is no age restriction, and an HMR can be recommended once a year. (If there are major changes to medication such as during a hospital admission, an HMR may be ordered again within this time frame, but the reasons need to be documented.)

When the patient returns for the second visit (Medication Management Plan) the second template is completed (HMR Plan) in triplicate. A copy is given to the patient, one to the community pharmacist and one is kept in the patient's records. The detail for this form depends on how complicated the issues are, and in some cases notation that the review has been done but no further action is necessary is all that is required. At the completion of the second visit the Item 900 is claimed. HMRs can be used to involve the community pharmacist in a patient's Care Plan. For more information, contact Heather Pym, Consultant Pharmacist at the Melbourne Division of GP on 0401 801 123 or heather.pym@mgpn.com.au.