

Information for Prospective Contractors to NSW Health

National Product Catalogue NSW Health Implementation

NPC COMPLIANCE

This document explains the process that will commence with Suppliers who are listed on SCCB Health specific contracts, to supply medical / surgical devices / dental / consumables and Pharmaceuticals to NSW Health post the signing of the deeds of agreement.

This process highlights the importance of a contractor's NPC compliance to the NSW Health overall procurement process, i.e. NPC compliance from the commencement date of the agreement, is critical to ensure access to accurate contract product information and prices by NSW Health employees in the clinical, administrative and procurement areas. NSW Health's "integrated connection to the NPC" ensures that contract information including prices are made available and kept up to date to the above employees, as soon as it is published by contractors.

Successful contract implementation relies heavily on the accuracy and timeliness of contract information that is made available to contract users, the HSS – Catalogue & Data Management Team (CDMT) will immediately contact each contractor to seek affirmation of the following:

- a) Status of NPC compliance
- b) If NPC compliant, the date contract product information & prices will be published on the NPC.

Note: The contractor may be invited by Health Support Services to a comprehensive data review meeting with representatives from both GS1 Australia and NeHTA.

In the above meeting contractors are also provided with a brief system overview on how NPC information is utilised internally in NSW Health.

- c) If not NPC compliant, the target date when compliance will be achieved and the date contract product information & prices will be published on the NPC

Notes: If NPC compliance will not be achieved before the commencement of the agreement, Health Support Services will invite the contractor to a compliance planning meeting. Support / assistance strategies, target and progress review dates will be set during this meeting.

If it is identified that compliance cannot be achieved within the first month of the agreement, Health Support Services may request GS1 Australia & NeHTA's assistance in assessing the contractor's capabilities / situation and to recommend further strategies that may expedite compliance.

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