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Dear Patient,

McBeath will be working together with the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre Oncology Pharmacy to provide you your chemotherapy. We are responsible for dispensing the PBS prescriptions for your chemotherapy and associated medication prescribed by your Oncologist.

Some of your prescriptions supplied for your treatment will have Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) co-payments .The co-payments are the same as prescriptions received in your local community pharmacy, **i.e. $5.90*** for pension/repat/concession cardholders and up to **$36.10*** for a general patient. These charges will be billed and mailed to you **monthly**. The prescription co-payments will also count towards your safety net like your community pharmacy prescriptions. Payment can be made by BPay, credit card (Mastercard/Visa/Amex), money order or cheque.

For a more detailed account of how McBeath is involved in your care see the attached flow chart.

To assist with this process, **please complete the attached patient information form** and return it in the return addressed envelope provided.

You may be eligible for a temporary health care card due to illness. If you would like to apply for a health care card or for more information please contact either:

CENTRELINK on 13 27 17 (Monday to Friday 8am-5pm) or

FAMILYASSIST on 13 61 50 (Monday to Friday 8am-8pm)

For any other enquires regarding our service, please do not hesitate to contact us on 1800 738 375.

Yours Sincerely,

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* Correct as of 1st Jan 2013 as set by the PBS

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How is McBeath Involved in Your Care?

Your Oncologist will plan your chemotherapy treatment. Part of this planning will include writing **PBS prescriptions** for chemotherapy.

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These Prescriptions are sent to **McBeath** where your medications are **dispensed.**

→ The co-payments required for the dispensed scripts are sent as an account to you from **McBeath**. This will be $5.90 per item for concession/repat patients and $36.10 per item for General Patients (as of 2013).

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The medications are prepared for administration, labelled and checked by the pharmacists at **McBeath**.

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You will receive the final product of prepared chemotherapy in the **Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre**. The Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre pharmacists will also talk to you about the treatment and side-effects of your medication.

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PBS Safety Net

Some of your prescription costs from McBeath's Pharmacy will count towards your PBS Safety Net. The pharmacy will keep a record of these automatically. If you have another Safety Net card from other chemist(s), please inform McBeath's Pharmacy.

What is the PBS Safety Net?

If you or your family need a lot of medicine in a calendar year, the PBS Safety Net helps you with the cost of your medicine. Once you or your family reach a safety net threshold, you can apply for a PBS Safety Net card—your PBS medicine will be less expensive or free† for the rest of the calendar year.

† If you choose a more expensive brand of medicine, or if your doctor prescribes one, the extra amount you pay won't count towards your PBS Safety Net.

How much will I pay for my PBS medicine from 1 January 2013?

General patients	$36.10†
Concession card holders	$5.90 †
DVA	$5.90 †

If you have a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) White Card for specific conditions and your medication is for those conditions you will pay $5.90, otherwise you pay the general amount.

What do I need to do?

You need to keep a record of your PBS medicine on a Prescription Record Form (PRF), which you can get from your pharmacy. Each time you have a PBS medicine supplied, hand your form to the pharmacist so it can be recorded. Your pharmacy might be able to keep a record for you on their computer, but if they can't or if you visit different pharmacies, its best to keep your own records. If you have a family, ask your pharmacist about combining the amounts you spend for your safety net total.

What happens when I reached the safety net threshold?

When you are close to reaching the safety net threshold, ask your pharmacist about how you can apply for a Safety Net card. Once you have reached your relevant threshold and your pharmacist has issued your Safety Net card, medicine will be less expensive or free† for the rest of the calendar year.

PBS Safety Net thresholds from 1 January 2013

	PBS Safety Net threshold	PBS Safety Net contribution
General patients	$1390.60 †	$5.90†
Concession card holders	$354.00 †	Free †

What if I've got a non-PBS subsidised prescription?

Your doctor might give you a prescription for a medicine that isn't available on the PBS, or isn't available on the PBS for your specific condition—sometimes called a 'private prescription'. Your doctor will indicate this on your prescription and you will need to pay the full price for the medicine at the pharmacy. The cost of these prescriptions does not count towards your PBS Safety Net.

Early supply of medicine under the Safety Net 20 day rule

If you get a PBS medicine within 20 days of a previous supply of the same medicine, the cost may not count towards your safety net threshold. Even if you have already reached the Safety Net you may have to pay your pre-safety net amount.

For further information about the PBS Safety Net 20 day rule or a list of PBS medicine types covered by the PBS Safety Net 20 day rule please visit Department of Health and Ageing

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PATIENT DETAILS FORM

LIVERPOOL CANCER THERAPY CENTRE

Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS and return in the Stamped Self Addressed Envelope enclosed to McBeath's Pharmacy.

TITLE:___NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____SUBURB:_____

POSTCODE:_____ DATE OF BIRTH:_____

PHONE NUMBER Home:_____ Mobile:_____

MEDICARE NUMBER: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ / __ (all 10 digits plus line digit)

MEDICARE EXPIRY: __ __/__ __

1. Are you entitled to any Pharmacy Concessions: (Tick Box & Record Number)

   ☐ VETERAN AFFAIRS NUMBER:_____

   ☐ PENSION/CONCESSION CARD NUMBER:_____

2. Do you have a Safety Net Concession or Entitlement Card:

   SAFETY NET CONCESSION NUMBER: CN_____

   SAFETY NET ENTITLEMENT NUMBER: SN_____

   Safety Net Entitlement/Concession Card Date of Issue:_____

I hereby agree to pay for medications dispensed for me by McBeath's Pharmacy for treatment at Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre.

I give consent for McBeath's Pharmacy to collect and store my information for the purposes of providing my medication and accessing the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme on my behalf.

SIGNED:_____DATE:_____

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