

# 7CPA: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

## Community Pharmacy Programs

The Australian Government has committed to provide ongoing funding for Community Pharmacy Programs as part of its commitment to advancement of **The 10 Year Primary Health Care Plan**

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### Continuing Programs

#### Medication Adherence Programs:

- Dose Administration Aids
- Staged Supply

#### Medication Management Programs

- Home Medicines Review
- Residential Medication Management Review
- Quality Use of Medicines in Residential Aged Care Facilities
- MedsCheck
- Diabetes MedsCheck

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Specific Programs

- QUMAX/S100 Support
- Closing The Gap PBS Copayment Measure
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Programs

#### Rural Support Programs

- Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance
- Rural Workforce Programs

#### eHealth

- Electronic Prescription Fee
- During 1st FY: continue the fee
- After 1st FY: direct arrangements between the Commonwealth and prescription exchange services

#### Other activity

- Program administration, oversight and assessment

The Commonwealth and the Guild intend that the above Community Pharmacy Programs will be largely unchanged during the first Financial Year:

- increase the investment in regional, rural and remote areas through an increased investment of ten (10) per cent in the Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance (increasing further in subsequent years);
- enhance the Dose Administration Aid Program, by doubling the base cap during the first Financial Year and providing uncapped access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- maintain the increased investment in Community Pharmacy Programs designed to support older Australians and arising from the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

## Program Administrators

At the end of the current administration arrangements (currently PPA), the Department will put in place such new arrangements for the administration of Community Pharmacy Programs as it considers represent best value for money for the Commonwealth

## The Closing the Gap - PBS Copayment Measure

Enhancements of the current measure:

- expand the range of health care professionals who can register patients for the Measure; and
- enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients to register for the Measure regardless of where they are located at the time of registration and their chronic disease status.

## New or enhanced community pharmacy initiatives

Examples of these initiatives include:

- eHealth and e-prescribing initiatives;
- measures that make it easier and more affordable for patients to access medicines where they live;
- initiatives that support improved mental health;
- initiatives to be developed in response to recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety; and
- any pharmacy program trial assessed as being suitable for ongoing funding.
- These will be discussed with The Department and the Guild.

## Pharmacists administering Vaccines

The adoption of a nationally consistent approach in respect of the vaccines that may be administered by appropriately trained registered pharmacists.

## Location rules

No changes to current arrangements

## Dispensing

- Dispense fee increase
- Dangerous Drug fee increase
- AHI fee increased
- Premium free dispense incentive fee removed

## Availability of PBS medicines in pharmacy

The Guild agrees to take reasonable steps to ensure that Approved Pharmacists efficiently purchase and maintain adequate medicine stocks for the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits to facilitate reasonable and timely access to those medicines by patients where the demand is, or should reasonably have been, anticipated by the Approved Pharmacist.

## Payment claim acknowledgement and payment times

The Commonwealth and the Guild will consider options within the available Agreement funding to enhance payment times for payable PBS prescriptions transmitted and assessed online.

The Guild will consider options within the available Agreement funding for a Commonwealth system permitting payments to Approved Pharmacists under the National Health (Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services Program) Special Arrangement 2017 (PB 107 of 2017) to be paid within the same timeframe as payable PBS prescriptions transmitted and assessed online.

## NDSS arrangements for Approved Pharmacists

Current arrangements under the 6CPA to remain

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