



Community Pharmacy Programs under the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement

What is the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement?

The Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) is a five year agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. It supports consumer access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) subsidised medicines and related services through community pharmacies across Australia.

The 7CPA provides for an overall funding envelope of \$18.35 billion, comprising:

- \$16.00 billion in pharmacy remuneration for dispensing PBS subsidised medicines
- \$1.20 billion for professional pharmacy programs
- \$1.15 billion for the Community Service Obligation and National Diabetes Services Scheme product distribution arrangements

It ensures all Australians will continue to have access to timely, safe, affordable and life-saving medicines.

It supports community pharmacy services to help achieve the best health outcomes for everyone.

Supported by this agreement, Australians are expected to access more than 200 million subsidised pharmaceutical prescriptions each year. From 1 January to 31 December 2020, Australians will pay no more than \$41.00 for general PBS prescriptions and \$6.60 for concessional PBS prescriptions.

The 7CPA starts 1 July 2020 and will be in place until 30 June 2025.

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- From 1 July 2020, community pharmacies will receive a program delivery funding increase of \$100 million over five years, compared to expenditure under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement.
- Professional pharmacy services will continue, including medication review services and the Dose Administration Aids program, that assist people, including older Australians, to manage their medicines.
- There is an increased investment in programs aimed at increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' access to medicines.
- Funding for the Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance will be increased to better support access to medicines and pharmacy services in regional, rural and remote areas.
- The Australian Government is committed to improving patient choice and health literacy, transparency and making access to medicines and fees easier to understand.
- The Government will work towards a national approach for access to vaccinations through community pharmacies.