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## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF PHARMACY REMUNERATION AND REGULATION

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## Today's presentation

- Overview of the Government Response to the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation (Pharmacy Review).
- Release of the pharmacy program review reports.

Community Pharmacy Agreement.



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# REVIEW OF PHARMACY REMUNERATION AND REGULATION

- The first comprehensive inquiry into pharmacy remuneration and regulation in over 20 years.
- The Final Report of the Pharmacy Review includes 45 recommendations about the dispensing of medicines and related services under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

# GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE PHARMACY REVIEW

- The Government's response to the Pharmacy Review upholds a key commitment of Government under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA).
- The Government's response was released by the Minister for Health on 3 May 2018.
- The Government's response is available at:  
<http://www.health.gov.au/pharmacyreview>



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# Government Response to the Pharmacy Review

Of the independent Panel's 45 recommendations, the Government's response:

- Accepts 4 recommendations
- Accepts-in-principle 4 recommendations
- Does not support 3 recommendations
- Notes 34 recommendations

## 4 recommendations accepted:

1. Increased access to medicines programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
2. Transparent funding of community pharmacy programs
3. An electronic personal medication records system
4. Improvements to the availability of Consumer Medicines Information

## 4 recommendations accepted-in-principle:

1. Consider changes to payment administration for high cost medicines
2. Implement an automated PBS Safety Net and allow payments for opiate dependence treatments to count towards the PBS Safety Net
3. Implement a system for integrated electronic prescriptions and medicines records
4. Key principles that underpin the range of programs offered by community pharmacy

## 3 recommendations not supported:

- 1. Abolishing the \$1 Discount policy
- 2. Machine dispensing
- 3. Limiting the PBS listing of generic medicines

## 34 recommendations noted include:

- The collection of data relevant to the determination of the appropriate scheme of remuneration for the dispensing of PBS medicines and services provided by community pharmacy.
- The scope and participation of representative stakeholders in consultations and negotiations of future Community Pharmacy Agreements (CPA).
- The Government Response is available to download from the Pharmacy Review webpage:
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# REVIEW OF CONTINUING COMMUNITY PHARMACY PROGRAMS

Clause 6.1.3 of the 6CPA provides a commitment to review community pharmacy programs.

- Review of Pharmacy Practice Incentive Programs (Medication Adherence Programs)
- Review of Medication Management Review Programs
- Review of Quality Use of Medicines Program
- Review of ongoing Pharmacy Workforce Programs
- Review of Indigenous Pharmacy Programs

Programs considered as part of the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation:

- Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance Program
- Electronic Prescription Fees

# Review of continuing community pharmacy programs

- Review of Pharmacy Practice Incentive Programs (PPI) (now being referred to as Medication Adherence Programs):
  - Dose Administration Aids
  - Staged Supply
  - Clinical Interventions
- Review of Medication Management Review (MMR) Programs:
  - Home Medicines Review
  - MedsCheck & Diabetes MedsCheck
  - Residential Medication Management Review
- Review of Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) Program



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# Review of ongoing Pharmacy Workforce Programs

- Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme
- Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Mentor Scheme
- Intern Incentive Allowance for Rural Pharmacies
- Intern Incentive Allowance for Rural Pharmacies – Extension Program
- Rural Intern Training Allowance
- Rural Pharmacy Student Placement Allowance
- Administrative Support to Pharmacy Schools
- Continuing Professional Educational Allowance
- Rural Pharmacy Liaison Officer Program
- Emergency Locum Service
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Assistant Traineeship Scheme



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- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme

# Review of Indigenous Pharmacy Programs

- Closing the Gap (CTG) PBS Co-payment Measure
- Quality Use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (QUMAX) Program
- s100 Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services Special Supply (s100 RAAHS Program)
- s100 Support Allowance Program (s100 Support Allowance)

# Opportunity for improvements

- Approval is being sought to make the majority of the reports generated from the reviews of the 6CPA funded programs available to the public:
  - Pharmacy Practice Incentive (PPI) Programs
  - Medication Management Review (MMR) Program
  - Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) Program
  - Pharmacy Workforce Programs



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# **COMMUNITY PHARMACY AGREEMENT**

Commence negotiations by 30 June 2019.

Due to complete negotiations by 31 March 2020.

6CPA expires 30 June 2020.



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- **Q&A**