

Authority for pharmacists to supply restricted substances

Section 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and clauses 53, 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008

I, Aleksandar Gavrilovic, A/g Deputy Chief Pharmacist and delegate of the Health Secretary, pursuant to section 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and clauses 53, 170, and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 hereby authorise a pharmacist to supply a person with a restricted substance, other than a prescribed restricted substance, without a prescription subject to the following conditions:

1. The pharmacist is satisfied that:
 - a) the person is undergoing treatment essential to the person's well-being,
 - b) the substance has previously been prescribed for the treatment,
 - c) the person is in immediate need of the substance for continuation of the treatment,
 - d) it is not practicable for the person to obtain a prescription for the substance from an authorised practitioner, and
 - e) the person has not been supplied with the medicine under this authority in the previous 12 months.
2. A restricted substance may only be supplied under this authority if the quantity supplied is no more than:
 - a) for a restricted substance that is on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the standard Pharmaceutical Benefits maximum quantity, or
 - b) for a restricted substance that is not on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the quantity that is contained in the smallest standard pack in which the substance is generally available.
3. When a restricted substance is supplied under this authority the pharmacist must:
 - a) document in the patient's pharmacy record that an attempt was made to contact the patient's usual prescriber for a prescription
 - b) report the supply of the restricted substance promptly to the patient's usual or last known prescriber.

This authority is to be published on the NSW Health website.

This authority will commence on 26 November 2022 and remains in effect until 1 February 2023 unless earlier revoked.



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Note: In an emergency, a medical practitioner can authorise a pharmacist to supply a restricted substance, prescribed restricted substance, or drug of addiction by telephone, email or facsimile (see clauses 36, 44, 81 and 96 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008).