NSW Health

NSW GOVERNMENT

POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS REGULATION 2008

EXEMPTION

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Hospital Medication Chart as a Form of Prescription

I, MONIQUE REYES, A/Chief Pharmacist, a duly appointed delegate of the Secretary, NSW Health, make this instrument pursuant to clause 35(5) for the purposes of clauses 35(1), 35(2), 35(2A) and 35(4) of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008* (NSW) [the Regulation], and pursuant to clause 80(5) for the purpose of clauses 80(1), 80(2) and 80(4) of the Regulation. Pursuant to clause 35(6) and clause 80(6) of the Regulation, this instrument is granted subject to conditions.

MONIQUE REYES
A/Chief Pharmacist
(Delegation Numbers: PH359, PH488, PH363, PH489)

Date: 23 December 2025

Exemption to allow the use of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Hospital Medication Chart as a form of prescription for Schedule 4 and Schedule 8 substances

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1. Exemption

This instrument exempts the following class of persons:

authorised practitioners issuing a prescription for a patient of a hospital (within the meaning of the Regulation)

from the requirements of the Regulation at clauses 35(1), 35(2), 35(2A), 35(4), 80(1), 80(2) and 80(4).

2. Conditions

i. The prescription must be issued on a Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Hospital Medication Chart, as approved by the Australian Government's Department of Health, Disability and Ageing for the prescribing, supply and claiming of pharmaceutical benefits medicines under subsection 41(5) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*, and published by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.

ii. For the treatment of a patient at a hospital the prescription must be issued with the following details:

a) The patient's name and date of birth,

b) The patient's address,
c) The name of the hospital,
d) The name of the pharmacy from where the substance is to be supplied,
e) The authorised practitioner's name and contact telephone number,
f) The name, form and strength (if not readily apparent) of the substance to be supplied,
g) The route of administration of the substance to be supplied,
h) The dose and frequency the substance is to be administered or used,
i) The date from which the substance is to be administered or used,
j) The period during which the substance is to be administered or used,
k) The date on which the prescription is issued, and
l) The authorised practitioner's signature.

iii. The details referred to in condition ii) at e) to l) above must be in the handwriting of the authorised practitioner by whom the prescription is issued.

iv. For the treatment of a patient on discharge from a hospital the prescription must be issued with the following details:

a) The patient's name and date of birth,
b) The patient's address,
c) The name of the hospital,
d) The name of the pharmacy from where the substance is to be supplied,
e) The authorised practitioner's name and contact telephone number,
f) The name, form and strength (if not readily apparent) of the substance to be supplied,
g) The route of administration of the substance to be supplied,
h) The dose and frequency the substance is to be administered or used,
i) The period during which the substance is to be administered or used or the quantity of the substance to be supplied,
j) The date on which the prescription is issued, and
k) The authorised practitioner's signature.

v. The details referred to in condition iv) at e) to k) above must be in the handwriting of the authorised practitioner by whom the prescription is issued.

3. Duration

This order commences on the day it is signed and dated and expires on commencement of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2022*, or on a date this order is cancelled.

4. Guidance Notes

a) The prescription must be issued with endorsements required under the Regulation such as an authority number issued by the Secretary, NSW Health.
b) The prescription may be issued with any endorsements required under the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.
c) In accordance with subclauses 35(3) and 80(3) of the Regulation the person by whom the prescription is issued must confirm any dose that could be regarded as being dangerous or unusual by underlining the part of the prescription that specifies the intended dose and by initialing the prescription in the margin.
d) The exemption from the requirement under subclause 80(4) of the Regulation allows for the prescription to include more than one preparation containing a drug of addiction or both a preparation containing drug of addiction and another preparation.