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| Community Pharmacist Program |
| Pharmacist factsheet: Changes to medication  July 2025 |
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From 1 July 2025, Community Pharmacist Pilot services will continue to be available under the ongoing Community Pharmacist Program (the program). The Community Pharmacist Pilot phase (the pilot) will end on 30 June 2025.

The key change on 1 July 2025 is that medication will no longer be subsidised under the program. Please discuss likely medication costs with all patients prior to a consultation.

### Changes to medication costs

* Medication subsidies are no longer available under the program. Patients will be required to pay the full cost of the medication.
* Patients must be informed of likely medication costs, including the likelihood that many medications will be more expensive than if prescribed by a doctor.
* The cost of medicines supplied as part of the program will not contribute to the patient’s Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) Safety Net threshold.
* The table below provides examples of medication cost differences under the program compared to if the patient has a prescription from a doctor. This is a guide to support your conversations with patients.

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|  | Medication prices during the pilot phase – ends 30 June 2025  (similar to price with a prescription) | | | Medication price under the program - 1 July 2025 onwards |
| GEN | CONC | CONC-SN |
| **Uncomplicated urinary tract infection** | | | | |
| ARX-Nitrofurantoin | $28.61 | $7.70 | $0.00 | Pharmacy price |
| **Resupply of oral contraceptive pills** | | | | |
| Slinda | $31.60 | $7.70 | $0.00 | Pharmacy price |
| **Herpes zoster (shingles)** | | | | |
| APO-Famciclovir | $31.60 | $7.70 | $0.00 | Pharmacy price |
| **Mild plaque psoriasis** | | | | |
| Antroquoril | $28.97 | $7.70 | $0.00 | Pharmacy price |

PBS medication pricing listed above is as of 1 May 2025.

**Pharmacies are encouraged to apply transparent and reasonable pricing, consistent with general private dispensing practices.**

### Consultation costs

* The Department of Health will continue to pay pharmacies $20 per eligible consultation.
* Pharmacies must not charge patients for consultations related to shingles, mild plaque psoriasis flare-ups, uncomplicated urinary tract infections, or resupply of contraceptive pills under the Community Pharmacist Program.

### Travel health and other vaccination services

* Under the Community Pharmacist Program, costs to patients for travel healthcare and other vaccinations remains the same as the pilot phase.
* The Department of Health will pay $20 for any travel health and other vaccination service which includes a vaccination.
* All travel health consultations must be for overseas travel.
* Additional vaccines that can be provided for non-travel purposes are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, and typhoid.
* Pharmacies may charge patients an additional consultation fee, as well as the cost of any vaccines given.

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