

Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement
Community Pharmacy Consultation Committee Communiqué,
16 November 2022

The fifth meeting of the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) Community Pharmacy Consultation Committee (CPCC) was held on 16 November 2022.

Key Discussion

Representatives discussed funding pressures on community pharmacy programs and committed to working together on reforms necessary to ensure continuity of care for patients.

Representatives discussed the increased uptake of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific pharmacy programs in the second year of the 7CPA, noting that the Indigenous Dose Administration Aids program and Closing the Gap PBS Co-Payment arrangements had seen strong uptake.

Representatives further discussed Government's consideration of pharmacy as part of the broader health workforce.

Representatives noted the upcoming closure of the Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy in early 2023 and agreed to refer further discussion regarding pharmacist accreditation to the Pharmacy Stakeholder Consultation Committee.

Representatives noted updates regarding the Pharmacy Guild's Global Exchange Scholarship program and on pharmacists administering vaccines.

The CPCC intends to meet again in May 2023.

Background

The CPCC is one of two 7CPA consultation committees, with members representing the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

The aims and objectives of the CPCC include but are not limited to:

- The formulation, monitoring and evaluation of key performance measures aligned to 7CPA outcomes;
- Providing a forum to discuss and support the 7CPA Pharmacy Programs' intent, design and guidelines; and
- Supporting adherence to the 7CPA and discussing options to address issues if compliance is not being achieved.

The CPCC is the primary consultation mechanism supporting the achievement of objectives under the 7CPA and will continue to build on work and programs from previous Community Pharmacy Agreements.

The Chair is rotated, with the fifth meeting being chaired by Ms Elsy Brammesan, Acting Assistant Secretary, Pharmacy Branch, Department of Health and Aged Care.

Further information regarding the 7CPA is available at:

www.pbs.gov.au/info/general/seventh-community-pharmacy-agreement