

Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement
Community Pharmacy Consultation Committee Communique
17 May 2023

The sixth meeting of the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) Community Pharmacy Consultation Committee (CPCC) was held on 17 May 2023.

Key Discussion

Representatives discussed Community Pharmacy Programs expenditure and noted the Government's decision, as part of the 2023-24 Budget, to continue existing program funding arrangements over the remainder of the 7CPA. Representatives further noted that this represents an increase in total funding for Community Pharmacy Programs under the 7CPA.

Representatives discussed the Global Exchange Scholarship, noting that positive feedback had been received from both Australian recipients. Representatives also discussed future arrangements for overseas placement of Australian pharmacists under this program.

Representatives discussed the review of the Indigenous Health Services Pharmacy Support (IHSPS) Program and noted that a Final Report would be delivered by 30 September 2023.

Representatives discussed funding to community pharmacies for administration of National Immunisation Program (NIP) vaccines, announced as part of the 2023-24 Budget, noting that this would be additional to funding for Community Pharmacy Programs provided under the 7CPA.

Representatives further noted, in relation to the 2023-24 Budget, that from 1 July 2023 the Electronic Prescription Fee will be funded outside of the 7CPA under changed arrangements for Electronic Prescription Services.

The CPCC intends to meet again in November 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 builds on work and programs from previous Community Pharmacy Agreements.

The Chair is rotated, with the sixth meeting being chaired by Mr Nick Panayiaris, Senior Vice President, The Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Further information regarding the 7CPA is available at:

www.health.gov.au/topics/primary-care/what-we-do/7cpa