



Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) Agreement Oversight Forum (AOF)

Communique – 19 June 2026

The fourth meeting of the AOF was held on 19 June 2026.

Key Discussions

- Representatives discussed the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance (RPMA), including matters relating to eligibility and participation requirements.
- Representatives discussed uptake of the Dose Administration Aids (DAA) Program and possible future changes to the program cap.
- Representatives discussed PBS Safety Net recording and the intent for automation to occur during the term of the 8CPA. They noted the potential benefits of automation in streamlining patient access to cheaper medicines and that Government continues to review this matter in the context of other priorities.
- Representatives discussed digitisation of the Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services (RAAHS) Program payments system. They noted the benefits for delivery of care to First Nations peoples by providers and that funding for this work under the 8CPA has not been identified and further consideration would be required.
- Representatives discussed transition from the Quality Care Pharmacy Program (QCPP) to the new Quality and Safety Pharmacy Program (QSPP) accreditation standard, including practical arrangements required to support implementation and the accreditation requirements applying from 1 July 2027 under the 8CPA.
- Representatives discussed progress towards a preferred model for the Women's Health Trial due to commence from January 2027.
- Representatives noted that the final cycle of manual Additional Community Supply Support Payment had been completed by Services Australia.
- Representatives also acknowledged changes to the wholesale mark-up component of pharmacy remuneration from 1 July 2026 and adjustments to pharmacy remuneration as enabled by the [Addendum to the 8CPA](#) agreed between the Guild and the Commonwealth on 12 June 2026.

The AOF intends to meet again in October 2026.

Background

The 8CPA AOF is an oversight committee, with members representing the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. The AOF is the primary consultation mechanism supporting the achievement of objectives under the 8CPA and builds on work and programs under previous Community Pharmacy agreements.

Further information about the 8CPA is available at: <https://www.health.gov.au/topics/primary-care/what-we-do/8cpa>