

**Authority for pharmacists to supply restricted substances**


**Section 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and clauses 53, 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008**

I, David Ng, Chief Pharmacist, and delegate of the Health Secretary, pursuant to section 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and clauses 53, 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 hereby authorise a pharmacist to supply a person with a restricted substance, other than a prescribed restricted substance, without a prescription subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The pharmacist is satisfied that:
  - a. the person is undergoing treatment essential to the person's well-being,
  - b. the substance has previously been prescribed for the treatment,
  - c. the person is in immediate need of the substance for continuation of the treatment,
  - d. it is not practicable for the person to obtain a prescription for the substance from an authorised practitioner, and
  - e. the person has not been supplied with the substance under this authority in the previous 12 months.
- 2) A restricted substance may only be supplied under this authority if the quantity supplied is no more than:
  - a. for a restricted substance that is on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the standard Pharmaceutical Benefits maximum quantity, or
  - b. for a restricted substance that is not on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the quantity that is contained in the smallest standard pack in which the substance is generally available.
- 3) When a restricted substance is supplied under this authority the pharmacist must:
  - a. document in the patient's pharmacy record that an attempt was made to contact the patient's usual prescriber for a prescription
  - b. report the supply of the restricted substance promptly to the patient's usual or last known prescriber.

This authority is to be published on the NSW Health website.

This authority will remain in effect until 31 March 2025 unless earlier revoked.



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(Delegation Numbers PH427, PH380 and PH381)

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**Note: In an emergency, a medical practitioner can authorise a pharmacist to supply a prescribed restricted substance or Schedule 8 substance by telephone, email or facsimile (see clauses 36, 44, 81 and 96 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008).**