HealthShare NSW

Voucher Scheme for Nicotine Replacement Therapy or prescription medication

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) administers a voucher scheme for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and smoking cessation prescription medication in partnership with HealthShare NSW.

Background - HealthShare NSW and eHealth NSW

HealthShare NSW and eHealth NSW are statewide organisations, established to provide high quality shared services to support the delivery of patient care within the NSW Health system.

These services include:

- 1. Food and Patient Support Services to provide quality meals to patients in NSW public health hospitals and, provision of cleaning and security services to a number of Local Health Districts (LHDs).
- 2. Enable NSW provides fair, efficient, and customer-focused assistance to people in NSW with a long-term disability or chronic health condition.
- 3. Linen Services, which manages the supply of linen to NSW hospitals.
- 4. Service Centres, which provide transactional services for LHDs and Health Agencies in areas including recruitment, payroll, publishing, accounts payable and accounts receivable.
- 5. Information Technology services through eHealth NSW.

The Policy Directive "NSW Health smoke-free Health Care Policy" (published 13th January 2015) states in part:

"All staff...who smoke will be able to access from their organisation, at least four weeks' supply of free NRT per year (including a variety of NRT product choices)."

Voucher Details

Employees of HealthShare NSW or eHealth NSW may present with a voucher at a nearby pharmacy.

An example of the voucher can be **found here**.

The voucher is to be for four weeks supply of a suitable NRT product as determined by the pharmacist and/or smoking cessation medication as prescribed by a doctor. Please note that the voucher can be redeemed for four weeks supply of medication or patches, gum and spray formulations only (not inhaler).

The completed vouchers should be submitted to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) using one of the following methods:

Email	Fax
healthservices@nsw.guild.org.au	02 9467 7151

Contacts

For enquiries relating to the voucher scheme, please contact the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) on (O2) 9467 7100 or healthservices@nsw.guild.org.au.