



NSW PHARMACY NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

The Needle and Syringe Program is an evidence-based public health program, which aims to minimise the transmission of blood borne viruses amongst people who inject drugs.

Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program (PNSP) outlets are key contributors to Australia's network of Needle and Syringe Program services, with community pharmacies representing over 50% of the needle and syringe program outlets located in the community. The community pharmacy network is well placed to provide assistance in the distribution of sterile injecting equipment, advice and referral to treatment services.

The PNSP is fully funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and is administered by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch).

NSW PHARMACY FITPACK SCHEME

Participation in the NSW Pharmacy Fitpack Scheme includes the following activities:

- The provision of Fitpacks® through sale or exchange to members of the public;
- The provision of other items of injecting equipment where requested and available;
- Provide access to a sharps disposal service to the community for the safe collection and return of Fitpacks®;
- Contribute to the provision of educational information to people who inject drugs for the purpose of minimise the transmission of blood borne virus infections.

PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Participating program pharmacies may be eligible to receive the following program incentives, subject to satisfactorily meeting program requirements.

Program Participation – New NSP

Community pharmacies which are entering the Scheme may be eligible to receive a one-off introductory incentive upon registration. This program incentive is currently \$385 (GST Incl).

Fitpack® Exchange – Program Incentive

Program incentive payments are provided for each Fitpack® which has been exchanged by a participating program pharmacy. Further details on the Fitpack® exchange can be found in the program manual.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – CONDITIONS

Community pharmacies who participate in the Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program agree to to the following program terms and conditions.

1. The pharmacy acknowledges that its nominated representative and/or pharmacy staff have read the 'Participant Information Statement' and Program Manual, which explain the aims and objectives of the Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program (PNSP).
2. The pharmacy agrees to establish and maintain the professional services in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the Program Manual.
3. It is understood that the pharmacy can withdraw from the program at any time without any prejudice to its relationship with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch).
4. The pharmacy understands that eligibility to receive incentive payments as part of the program is subject to reporting against the set outcomes as determined in the program guidelines. This includes the satisfactory completion and provision of program documentation (i.e. Fitpack® Exchange Logs).
5. The pharmacy's details will be publically listed as a participating pharmacy of the Program. The pharmacy also agrees that the disclosure of informaiton pertaining to the pharmacy's involvement in the Program will be provided to the NSW Ministry of Health.
6. The pharmacy agrees that the informaiton provided as part of the program will be used to prepare reports evaluating the outcomes against its set aims and objectives. It is also understood that these reports will be provided to the NSW Ministry of Health and other key stakeholders as required for research and evaluation purposes.