

NSW Section 100 Co-payment Program



Information for community pharmacies

NSW Health pays the cost of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) co-payments for s100 Highly Specialised Drugs and s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines for eligible NSW patients. This aims to lower the cost of medicines for people with some cancers and other chronic conditions.

In community pharmacy, the NSW Section 100 Co-payment Program applies to medicines listed on s100 HSD Community Access schedule for HIV, Hepatitis B and clozapine maintenance therapy.

The s100 co-payment program also applies in public hospitals for

- s100 medicines on the s100 Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) Program (Public Hospital and Community Access) schedules
- injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines on the s100 Efficient Funding for Chemotherapy (Public Hospital) schedule.
- The Program does not apply to s100 medicines prescribed by private hospital providers or s100 medicines for opioid dependence treatment.

Who is eligible?

NSW Health pays the co-payment for s100 medicines for patients who meet the eligibility criteria and provide a completed consent form.

Eligibility criteria

NSW residents who are patients of:

- NSW public hospitals; or
- authorised community prescribers in NSW (for HIV and Hepatitis B, medicines and clozapine maintenance therapy); or
- an interstate specialist/prescriber where the NSW resident lives in a border area.

Prescribed medicines listed under section 100 of the National Health Act 1953 for:

- s100 Highly Specialised Drugs (Public Hospital), or
- s100 Highly Specialised Drugs - Community Access (for HIV, Hepatitis B and clozapine maintenance therapy medicines only), or
- s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines.

Prescriptions filled through NSW:

- public hospitals; or
- community pharmacies; or
- pharmacies used by NSW public hospital oncology services.

Why do I need to see the patient's consent form?

The Patient Consent Form confirms the patient is eligible and has given consent to have their co payment paid by NSW Health.

Eligible patients need to show the pharmacist their consent form each time a prescription/s and any repeats are dispensed. The form remains valid and can be accepted by pharmacists until the renewal period has expired. The patient is responsible for their form and may present a digital copy to the pharmacist.

The patient consent form is available at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/s100copay/Documents/copayment-consent.pdf

How do I submit patient co-payment claims?

Community pharmacists are reimbursed for the cost of the co-payment and paid a service fee for submitting the claim by NSW Health.

Community pharmacies submit co-payment claims for eligible patients to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (PGA) to be reimbursed. You do not need to be a PGA member to participate.

You can claim co-payments for medicines listed on the PBS -s100 Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) Program (Community Access schedules) for:

- HIV antiretroviral therapy
- Hepatitis B medicines
- Clozapine (maintenance therapy only).

PBS medicines prescribed under the s100 HSD – Private schedule or other s100 schedules cannot be claimed through this program. Medicines listed on s100 Community Access for opioid dependence treatment are not eligible.

Information and resources, including guides and frequently asked questions can be found on the PGA website: www.guild.org.au/guild-branches/nsw/professional-services/nsw-s100-hsd-co-payment.

How do I let patients know about the Program?

Please share information with your patients about the Program, by:

- talking to your patients
- putting up the s100 poster in your pharmacy
- printing out the patient factsheet and giving it to your patients.

More information

- s100 co-payments in NSW: www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/s100copay
- Opioid dependence treatment in NSW: www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme s100: www.pbs.gov.au/browse/section100
- s100 Co-payment Program enquiries: NSWH-s100CoPayment@health.nsw.gov.au



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