

Key Points

The Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) supports the Australian Government in delivering its National Medicines Policy. It plays a vital role in ensuring patient access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) subsidised medicines and pharmacy health services through community pharmacies across Australia.

The 8CPA is a 5-year agreement from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029.

8CPA

\$26.49 billion

\$24.55 billion

for **dispensing remuneration** including **\$2.11 billion** for new fees related to **60-day scripts** for PBS subsidised medicines

\$1.35 billion

for programs, including increases to **DAA caps** and a **\$52m increase** to **RPMA**

\$589 million

for other policy commitments, including extending a **\$1 reduction** in co-payments to all Australians in place of the optional **\$1 discount**

7CPA

\$21.61 billion

\$20.61 billion

for dispensing

Approximately
\$1 billion

for programs included in 8CPA

KEY 8CPA OUTCOMES

- Structural change in dispensing remuneration to **offset the impact of 60-day dispensing**
- \$4.88 billion** increase in **total funding** from 7CPA (+22%)
- \$3.94 billion** increase in **dispensing remuneration** (+19%)
- 30% ↑** increase in programs funding
- \$2.11 billion** for new **fees related to 60-day dispensing**
- Average **PBS remuneration per script to increase** each year of 8CPA
- Wholesaler remuneration to be negotiated separately, with **protection for pharmacy remuneration**
- The **dispense fee, Tier 1 AHI fee and dangerous drug fee** will be **indexed by CPI** on 1 July each year
- Co-payment indexation frozen**, and **patient co-payments to all reduce by \$1**, with current **\$1 discount to be gone by Jan 2029**
- Strengthened payment adjustment mechanism** to protect against policy changes while allowing for volume growth
- DAA base cap increase** from 60 to 90 per week
- Commitment to **new and expanded programs**
- An additional **\$52 million** for **RPMA**
- Evaluation, quality and clinical governance** to be embedded in programs
- Commitment on **no plans to change 60-day dispensing**, and **strengthened dispute processes**
- Commitment on **no plans to change Location Rules**