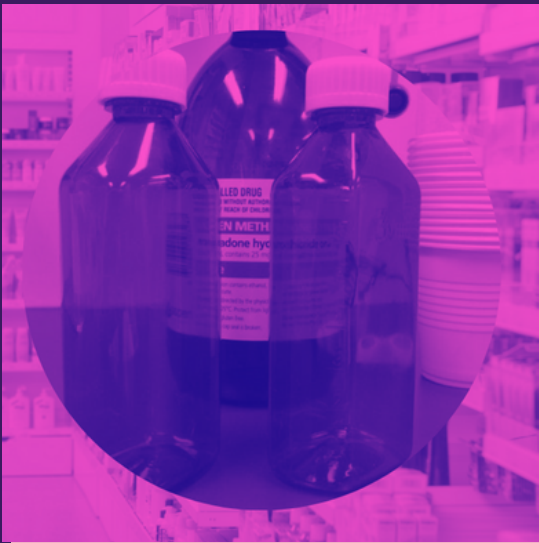


ARE YOU ON METHADONE, SUBOXONE, SUBUTEX OR BUPRENORPHINE?

From 1 July 2023, most people on methadone, Suboxone, Subutex or buprenorphine (opioid treatment medications) can get their medications cheaper through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) co-payment system.

Other than being more affordable, most of the ways you access your medications won't change and we think, for most people, it will be better.



What will you pay?

For each 28-day script of methadone, Subutex, Suboxone or buprenorphine, most people will pay:

- \$7.30 for concession card holders.
- \$30 for non-concession card holders.
- These costs count towards the PBS safety net.
- If you reach the PBS safety net threshold for the year, your medications will become free or much cheaper for the rest of the year.

No extra charges for 'consultations', 'dosing', 'dispensing' or 'new bottles' can be charged at community pharmacies.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you are on methadone, Suboxone, Subutex or buprenorphine and you:

- get dosed at a community pharmacy or hospital pharmacy
- have a Medicare card or you can get one
- have signed the privacy agreement allowing your pharmacy to register you in the PBS program.



Has anything else changed?

Most ways you access your opioid treatment medications, like how many takeaways you can get, have not changed. Some things might have changed including:

- how your scripts are written
- when you need your next script
- how often you need to see your GP.

Talk to your pharmacist as soon as you can to find out if you need to make an appointment with your GP.



WHERE CAN YOU GET SUPPORT?

Most states and territories have services and support to help you, learn about the new system, change to the new system, advocate to your GP or pharmacy or report issues with your program.

ACT

Canberra Alliance for Harm
Minimisation and Advocacy
(CAHMA)
(02) 6253 3643

Northern Territory

NT AIDS and Hepatitis
Council (NTAHC)
(08) 8944 7777

Queensland

QuIHN
1800 172 076 or
(07) 3620 8111

NSW

NSW Users and AIDS
Association (NUAA)
1800 644 413

South Australia

Hepatitis SA Clean Needle
Program Peer Projects
1800 437 222 or
(08) 8362 8443

Victoria

Harm Reduction Victoria /
Pharmacotherapy Advocacy
Medication Service (PAMS)
1800 443 844

Western Australia

Peer Based Harm Reduction
WA (PBHRWA)
(08) 9325 8387

Community Program for
Opioid Pharmacotherapy
(CPOP)
(08) 9219 1907

