

## NSW Section 100 Co-Payment Program

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### PURPOSE

This Information Bulletin outlines the eligibility criteria, medicines, consent and co-payment reimbursement process for the NSW [Section 100 \(s100\) Co-payment Program](#).

### KEY INFORMATION

NSW Health pays the co-payment for some Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Section 100 (s100) Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) and s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines for [eligible patients](#), to help ease the financial burden of treatment for some cancers and other chronic conditions.

The NSW s100 Co-payment Program **does not** apply to:

- patients of private hospital prescribers
- residents of other states or territories
- patients prescribed medicines under other PBS schedules
- patients prescribed medicines for opioid dependence treatment
- any other associated fees.

All of the following eligibility criteria must be met for the co-payment to be paid by NSW Health.

1. NSW residents who are patients of:
  - NSW public hospitals (including public non-admitted patients, outpatients or day patients, inpatients on discharge, privately referred, non-admitted patients), 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.
2. Prescriptions for medicines listed under Section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953* (Commonwealth):
  - s100 HSD Public Hospital, or
  - s100 HSD Community Access (for HIV and Hepatitis B medicines and clozapine maintenance therapy only), or
  - s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines.
3. Prescriptions filled through NSW:
  - public hospitals, or

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

More information about authorised community prescribers is available on the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) [website](#).

For clozapine, prescribers and patients must meet the [PBS eligibility requirements](#).

### Safety Net Scheme

Co-payments paid by NSW Health count towards the PBS patient safety net. Patients who reach the PBS safety net threshold can apply for an entitlement/ concession card in line with the Australian Government Safety Net Scheme.

### Section 100 Medicines

The s100 co-payment applies to medicines under Section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953* (Commonwealth) that are listed on the [PBS website](#) under the s100 HSD Public Hospital schedule and Community Access schedule (for HIV, Hepatitis B and clozapine maintenance therapy medicines only), and injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines listed on the PBS s100 Efficient Funding for Chemotherapy (Public Hospital) schedule.

#### *Section 100 Highly Specialised Drugs*

NSW Health will pay the co-payment for eligible patients when:

- prescriptions for s100 HSD listed under the s100 HSD Public Hospital schedule on the PBS are filled by NSW public hospital pharmacies, or
- prescriptions for s100 HSD listed under the s100 HSD Community Access schedule on the PBS (for the treatment of HIV, Hepatitis B, and Schizophrenia) are filled by NSW public hospital or NSW community pharmacies.

#### *Section 100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines*

Prescriptions for s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines for public hospital patients can be filled by NSW public hospital pharmacies or pharmacies used by NSW public hospital oncology services through existing local processes.

### Consent

Eligible patients must provide consent for NSW Health to make s100 co-payments on their behalf. The process varies according to patient prescription.

Prescriptions for s100 HSD filled at NSW public hospital pharmacies and NSW community pharmacies must be accompanied by the [3 Year Patient Consent Form](#). Existing 12 Month Patient Consent Forms remain valid until the renewal period expires.

When prescriptions for s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines are filled through pharmacies used by NSW public hospital oncology services, a local pharmacy consent form must be signed by the patient.

Responsibility	s100 Highly Specialised Drugs	s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines
NSW public hospital prescribers and authorised community prescribers	Complete the 3 Year Patient Consent Form for <b>all</b> eligible patients to have their co-payment paid by NSW Health.	Initiates local consent process for eligible patients receiving chemotherapy medicines which includes an agreement for NSW Health to pay the co-payment.
Patients	Sign and present the 3 Year Patient Consent Form with their prescription/s and any repeats at a NSW public hospital pharmacy or NSW community pharmacy each time. Ensure a new consent form is completed by their prescriber nearing the expiry.	Sign the local pharmacy consent form so NSW Health can pay the co-payment for their prescription for s100 injectable and infusible chemotherapy medicines.
Pharmacists	Check that the 3 Year Patient Consent Form is valid and the details match the prescription. The signed form must be presented each time a prescription is filled (including repeats) for the s100 co-payment to be made.	Check that patient consent has been provided and the details match the prescription. Provide the local pharmacy consent form if the patient has not already received it.

### Co-payment re-imbursement

NSW Health reimburses co-payments to local health districts, specialty health networks, NSW community pharmacies and pharmacies used by NSW public hospital oncology services that meet the eligibility criteria.

Co-payment claims from NSW public hospitals are based on iPharmacy reports submitted to the NSW Ministry of Health. Co-payment claims from NSW community pharmacies are submitted to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia [portal](#) for reimbursement on behalf of NSW Health.

### Privacy

Privacy of health information is managed in accordance with the NSW Health [Privacy Manual for Health Information](#) and the relevant policy and legislative obligations. Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks also need to refer to their own local privacy policy guidelines. A privacy statement for s100 co-payments is published on the NSW Health [website](#).

### More information

Enquiry	Contact
NSW Health s100 co-payment program	<a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/Pages/s100-copayments.aspx">http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/Pages/s100-copayments.aspx</a> email: <a href="mailto:nsw-s100copayment@health.nsw.gov.au">nsw-s100copayment@health.nsw.gov.au</a>
NSW community pharmacy claims	<a href="https://www.guild.org.au/guild-branches/nsw/professional-services/nsw-s100-hsd-co-payment">https://www.guild.org.au/guild-branches/nsw/professional-services/nsw-s100-hsd-co-payment</a> email: <a href="mailto:guild.solutions@guild.org.au">guild.solutions@guild.org.au</a>
NSW public hospital pharmacy and pharmacies used by NSW public hospital oncology services claims	Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks can seek advice from their Directors of Finance or Chief Executive in the first instance. Email: <a href="mailto:MOH-BMAUnit@health.nsw.gov.au">MOH-BMAUnit@health.nsw.gov.au</a> .