

Prescribing s100 Highly Specialised Drugs for HIV and Hepatitis B in a Community Setting

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KEY INFORMATION

Legislative framework

HIV and hepatitis B medications are subjected to a restricted prescribing regime, which means only approved medical practitioners can prescribe these medications.

Medication for HIV and hepatitis B may be prescribed, dispensed, and accessed under the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care's Section 100 (s100) Highly Specialised Drugs Program. Information about the Section 100 (s100) Highly Specialised Drugs Program is available from the [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) website](#).

Requirements for Community Prescribing of HIV and Hepatitis B Medicines

To be eligible to prescribe HIV and hepatitis B medication under the Section 100 (s100) Highly Specialised Drugs Program, community (non-hospital) prescribers must complete specific training and education. Community prescribers include general practitioners, nurse practitioners and other community-based medical practitioners.

ASHM administers the Section 100 (s100) training and accreditation programs for HIV and hepatitis B prescribers of highly specialised drugs on behalf of NSW Health.

Information about the HIV and hepatitis B Section 100 (s100) prescriber programs is available from the [ASHM website](#).

The location and contact details of current accredited prescribers in NSW is available from the [ASHM website](#).

Co-payments for Section 100 (s100) Medicines

NSW Health pays the patient co-payment for some Section 100 (s100) Highly Specialised Drugs, including some HIV and hepatitis B medicines, for eligible NSW residents. Please refer to NSW Health Information Bulletin *NSW Section 100 Co-payment Program* ([IB2023_025](#)). Additional information about the NSW Section 100 Co-payment Program is available from the [NSW Health website](#).

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IB2024_005 January 2024	Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health	This Information Bulletin replaces the NSW Health Policy Directive PD2019_005. The training, certification and continuing professional development requirements for accredited prescribers to be approved by NSW Health is available from the ASHM website .
PD2019_005 January 2019	Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health	This PD updates changes to community prescribing of s100 HSD for hepatitis C. Community prescribing of hepatitis C is no longer under the shared care arrangements in PD2013_55. GPs can now prescribe direct acting antiviral treatments for hepatitis C to patients under General Schedule (S85) without having a specialist referral. Prescriptions can be dispensed through community pharmacies.
PD2013_055 December 2013	Deputy Director General, Population and public Health	Replaces section 3.4 of PD2008-036 and IB2013_016. This PD also updates arrangements for accreditation of community providers to include Hepatitis B (HBV) community prescribing
PD2008_036 July 2008	Director General	Updates to PD2008_007
PD2008_007 January 2008	Director General	Updates to PD2005_183
PD2005_183 January 2005	Director General	New Policy