

**Subject:**

Opioid Dependence Treatment (ODT) Community Pharmacy Program commences tomorrow (1 July 2023)

**Content:**

Dear Pharmacist,

The new ODT Community Pharmacy Program commences tomorrow, with pharmacists able to provide funded services to patients under the new Program from 1 July 2023. **Registration and claiming via the PPA Portal will be available from 1 August 2023.**

Participating Service Providers must agree to accept the payment received under this Program as full payment and provide all aspects of the Program at no cost to participating patients, other than a patient PBS medication co-payment (if applicable).

**Is your pharmacy ready to provide services?**

The PPA emailed all pharmacies registered in the PPA Portal with detailed information on how to get ready for the commencement of the program – you can find that email [here](#). A brief summary is provided again below.

*1. Understand the changes to dispensing arrangements*

Read about the changes to the PBS dispensing arrangements and instructions about how to manage the transition at the [ODT PBS website](#).

Please note the ODT Community Pharmacy Program complements, but is not part of, the PBS dispensing arrangements. PPA therefore cannot provide advice regarding the dispensing of ODT medicines or any transition arrangements.

*2. Read the Program Rules and program website to confirm eligibility*

The [ODT Community Pharmacy Program Rules](#) and the [ODT Community Pharmacy Program Page](#) provide all the information you need to confirm if your pharmacy and patients are eligible for the program.

*3. Make sure you're ready to collect the data you'll need to make your ODT Community Pharmacy Program claims*

Registration and claiming doesn't start in the PPA Portal until 1 August 2023, so you will need to collect some information in the interim in order to claim. You can do this by using the temporary data collection forms below or use another method of your choosing, noting you will need to provide all of these fields.

- [ODT Staged Supply \(Oral/Sublingual\)](#)
- [ODT Injection](#)

**Please note that these forms and/or other data capture spreadsheets cannot be uploaded into the PPA Portal.**

If you use professional services software to manage your ODT dosing, your software vendor may choose to integrate with the PPA Portal, at some time after 1 August 2023.

4. *Gain written patient consent*

To be able to claim the ODT services you are providing to patients, you **must** gain written informed patient consent, using the [PPA consent form](#). A [conversation card](#) is available as a guide to use with your patients.

5. *Register and claim*

From 1 August 2023, the ODT Community Pharmacy Program will go live in the PPA Portal and community pharmacies will be able to register and claim. Closer to 1 August, a Portal User Guide, specific for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program will be published on the [program webpage](#) to help you lodge your claims.

Please refer to the [PPA's previous email](#) or [ODT Community Pharmacy Program Page](#) for additional information about software integration and extended claiming deadlines during the initial transition in phase for the program.

If your pharmacy is not currently providing ODT services, you should first engage with your relevant State/Territory health department to understand the requirements for participating in ODT programs in your jurisdiction. You can also review the [ODT Community Pharmacy Program webpage](#) to find out more about the program.

Kind Regards,

 Pharmacy Programs  
Administrator