

Dear Pharmacist,

Are you dispensing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Opioid Dependence Treatment (ODT) medicines? If so, you might be eligible for payments under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program, for more information read below.

This is a reminder to all potentially eligible locations that registration and claiming for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program is available on the PPA Portal.

The ODT Community Pharmacy Program, administered by the PPA, complements but is separate to the [PBS Section 100 HSD Program \(Community Access\)](#) which provides eligible patients with access to ODT medicines under the PBS. The ODT Community Pharmacy Program pays eligible Section 90 Community Pharmacies a fee for preparing and providing/administering ODT Staged Supply services and ODT injections within the pharmacy.

The PPA in combination with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the department) have prepared the following information to assist you in determining if your pharmacy is eligible to claim services under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program.

My pharmacy is currently dispensing Section 100 PBS listed ODT medications, are we eligible to claim services via the PPA under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program?

Full Service Provider eligibility criteria can be found on the [PPA ODT Community Pharmacy webpage](#) and in the [ODT Community Pharmacy Program Rules](#), however you may be eligible to claim services if they meet the criteria listed below.

ODT Staged Supply Claim (Oral/Sublingual) Services

Must be:

- Dispensed:
 - as an eligible PBS prescription
 - at no additional cost to the patient beyond PBS medication co-payment (if applicable)
 - to a patient with a signed [PPA ODT consent form](#)
Note: consent relates to patient access to the program administered by the PPA and the associated reporting and claiming, not the dispensing of the medication itself. All patients claimed under the PPA program must have written consent.
- Administered *in-store* by an appropriately trained *pharmacist or supplied as an authorised take away dose*.

ODT Injection Claim Services

Must be:

- Dispensed:
 - as an eligible PBS prescription
 - at no additional cost to the patient beyond PBS medication co-payment (if applicable)
 - to a patient with a signed [PPA ODT consent form](#)
Note: consent relates to patient access to the program administered by the PPA and the associated reporting and claiming, not the dispensing of the medication itself. All patients claimed under the PPA program must have written consent.
- Administered *in-store* by an appropriately trained *pharmacist*.
Note: injectables dispensed under the PBS but not administered by a pharmacist in-store are not claimable services under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program.

My pharmacy is currently dispensing Section 100 PBS listed ODT medications for a GP Clinic/ Aged Care Home / Correction Facility, are we eligible to claim services via the PPA under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program?

No. While you are able to dispense PBS prescriptions for these locations, you are only able to claim services that you have provided to the patient *directly*. This means:

- ODT Staged Supply Claim (Oral/Sublingual) Services can only be claimed via the PPA if they are:
 - collected by the patient from the pharmacy as a take-away dose.
 - administered to the patient as a pre-prepared in-store dose.
- ODT Injection Claim Services can only be claimed via the PPA if they are *administered in-store* by an appropriately trained and qualified pharmacist.

Prescriptions dispensed for collection by/distribution to an alternative site are not eligible to be claimed under the program administered by the PPA.

My pharmacy appears to be eligible for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program. How do I register for the program on the PPA Portal?

Pharmacy Owners currently using the PPA Portal can find detailed instructions [here](#) (see page 2 onwards) for how to register and submit claims for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program. Please note that only users with a Main Authorised Person (MAP) user account are able to register a pharmacy for additional programs.

If your pharmacy is new to the PPA Portal, you can use the [New User Registration Guide](#) to work through the steps to set up your pharmacy on the Portal before registering for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program using the guide noted in the step above.

My pharmacy is already registered for the PPA Portal and appears to be eligible for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program. How do I submit ODT Staged Supply Claim (Oral/Sublingual) claims for the program on the PPA Portal?

Eligible *Staged Supply Claim (Oral/Sublingual) Services* can be claimed by following the instructions on pages 3-5 of the [ODT Community Pharmacy Program User Guide](#). These claims must be submitted:

- On a monthly basis in arrears.
- By the end of the next calendar month (e.g. services provided in November must be claimed by 31 December).
- As one monthly claim per eligible patient.

Approved Service Providers can claim the following payments for eligible *Staged Supply (Oral/Sublingual) Services* under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program. These payments are GST Exempt.

Description	Fee
Provision of ODT Staged Supply Service (per dosing day, per patient):	
Dose management fee (staged supply fee)	\$4.69
Consumable allowance fee	\$0.97
Total fee (per dosing day)	\$5.66

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Additional claiming information regarding dosing days, missed doses and split dosing can be found in the FAQ section of the [PPA ODT Community Pharmacy webpage](#).

My pharmacy is already registered for the PPA Portal and appears to be eligible for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program. How do I submit ODT Injection Claim Services claims for the program on the PPA Portal?

Eligible *ODT Injection Services* can be claimed by following the instructions on pages 5-8 of the [ODT Community Pharmacy Program User Guide](#). These claims must be submitted:

- By the end of the next calendar month (e.g. services provided in November must be claimed by 31 December).
- Each injection must be submitted as a separate claim.

Approved Service Providers can claim the following payments for eligible *ODT Injection Services* under the ODT Community Pharmacy Program. These payments are GST Exempt.

Description	Fee (per injection)
In-pharmacy administration of ODT Injection Service	\$22.15

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My pharmacy uses professional services software to manage ODT services, can I submit claims via this software?

Integration is available for any interested software vendors to connect to the Program in order to send claims directly from their software to the PPA Portal. The following vendors have integrated software which allows claims to be submitted to the PPA Portal:

- Autodose
- Modeus (MethDA)
- StrongRoom AI.

Please note that pharmacies need to ensure they have manually registered for the ODT Community Pharmacy Program on the PPA Portal prior to submitting integrated claims in order to generate a valid API Key. Further details on generating API User Keys can be found in the following [PPA Portal User Guide](#).