Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

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| **TITLE:** | **Continued Dispensing of Medicines by Pharmacists** |

1. **Authority:**

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

1. **Scope:**

This authorises pharmacists to supply approved Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines in defined circumstances.

1. **Criteria:**

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

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| Practitioner: | Registered Pharmacists |
| Practice setting: | Registered Pharmacies in Western Australia |
| Approved activity: | Supply |
| Approved medicines: | Eligible medicines, which are products containing medicines in Schedules 3 and 4 that are also listed as PBS items and are included in the *National Health (Continued Dispensing) Determination 2022* or the *National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measure) Determination 2023*[[1]](#footnote-1), made under subsection 89A(3) of the *National Health Act 1953* (Commonwealth). |
| Medical conditions: | Patients already under regular prescribed treatment with an eligible medicine. |

1. **Conditions:**

The supply of a medicine under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

* 1. On each occasion of supply the pharmacist must be satisfied:
     1. there is an immediate need for the eligible medicine;
     2. circumstances have prevented the patient from obtaining a valid prescription from their prescriber;
     3. the eligible medicine has been prescribed and supplied to the patient within the last 6 months;
     4. the patient’s condition is stable; and
     5. the eligible medicine has not been supplied to the patient by any pharmacy under the authority of this SASA within the past 12 months.
  2. The quantity of the eligible medicines supplied is no more than one standard PBS supply quantity;
  3. Within 24 hours the pharmacist notifies the most recent prescriber of the eligible medicine for the patient that the supply has occurred;
  4. Packaging and labelling is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
  5. Recording is in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

1. **References:**
2. *National Health (Continued Dispensing) Determination 2022* Available: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022L00884>
3. *National Health (Continued Dispensing –* *Emergency Measure) Determination 2023* Available: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2023L01742/asmade/text>
4. **Issued by:**

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| **Position:** | A/Chief Health Officer, delegate of CEO |
| **Effective from:** | 3 January 2024 |

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1. The National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measure) Determination 2023 is only applicable up to and including 29 February 2024. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)