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PPA reveals 7CPA pharmacy payments

NEWLY unveiled data from the Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA) has provided details on professional services payments funded under the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA), with a total of more than \$550 million paid out so far since the agreement came into effect on 01 Jul 2020.

For Home Medicines Reviews (HMRs) there are about 1,300 active service providers, with the 7CPA paying out almost \$59 million under the scheme since then.

During the current financial year a total of 66,343 HMRs have been paid for, totalling \$12.2 million.

Residential Medication Management Review (RMMR) payments have totalled \$34.3 million over the last two and a half years, with around 170 active service providers.

The Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) program has seen payouts of \$27.8 million since the 7CPA commenced, while the MedsCheck/



Diabetes MedsCheck program has paid out just over \$100 million to pharmacies in the same period.

The biggest 7CPA professional services program thus far is the Dose Administration Aids scheme, which has seen regular participation by around 5,000 pharmacies across the country, and a total 7CPA payout of \$237.4 million through to Nov this year.

The Indigenous Dose Administration Aids (IDAA) program, which kicked off on 01 Jul 2021, has so far seen payments worth \$26.4 million over the 17 months since then, to a steadily

rising number of service providers totalling 1,913 in Nov.

The 7CPA's Staged Supply program has paid out \$21.7 million since the agreement came into effect, while the final program for which data was released, the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance (RPMA) saw payments of \$45.4 million since 01 Jul 2020 under either the Pharmacy Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (PhARIA) or its successor, the Monash Modified Model (MMM) rural classification system.

The full data set is available online at health.gov.au.

See you in 2023!

THIS is the final edition of *Pharmacy Daily* prior to the upcoming Christmas and new year break.

We're taking just over a week off, with our first issue for 2023 coming out on Tue 03 Jan and the team on standby for any breaking news in the meantime to make sure that you won't miss a thing.

We'd like to thank our readers for your ongoing support and wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Antibiotic stock restrictions

PHARMACY supplies of more than 100 antibiotic products available under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme are to be restricted, under instructions from the Commonwealth Department of Health's CSO agency.

Wholesalers yesterday began advising key pharmacy customers of the changes, which are due to current global shortages of antibiotic products and are expected to be in place until at least Jun.

A wide range of items is encompassed by the directive, with suppliers setting limits which should account for normal volumes & demand.

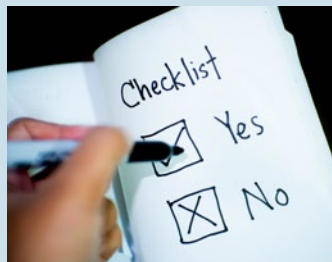
About a third of the impacted items are already believed to be out of stock nationally.

VPA axes target-based audit program

THE Victorian Pharmacy Authority (VPA) has revised its audit arrangements, advising that in the future it intends to undertake pharmacy ownership audits on the basis of notifications or intelligence from its regulatory activities.

The change means the VPA will discontinue auditing on the basis of annual targets, having just completed a three year program of risk-based ownership audits introduced in 2020 "to address the perception among pharmacists that there are breaches of the *Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010* in regard to undeclared interests".

The VPA said it had conducted 140 ownership and 21 financial audits over the last three years, finding just two instances of non-compliance - one where profit was being distributed to trust beneficiaries not eligible to have a proprietary interest, and the other where the owner had not



applied for a new licence when they switched to a corporate structure for their pharmacy.

As well as continuing audits based on notifications, the VPA said it would "continue its comprehensive reviews of franchise and other complex commercial agreements to ensure compliance with the ownership and undue influence provisions of the Act".


"These initiatives, along with the VPA's comprehensive licence application processes, will help detect and deter unlawful pharmacy ownership arrangements," the VPA said.

Sweet for Xmas

GOLD Cross Products & Services continues its assertions about the flavour of rivals to its Glucojel jelly beans on **page three** of today's issue of *Pharmacy Daily*.

Today's issue of PD


Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from **Glucojel**.



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Dispensary Corner



WHEN urgent delivery of lifesaving organs for transplantation is required, there's no faster way to do it than in a Lamborghini.

At least that's the story behind a recent mercy dash by Italian police on the country's motorways, using a specially adapted 300km/h supercar.

The \$400,000 vehicle was a gift to law enforcement from the manufacturer, with a social media post (pictured) showing the compartment used to hold organs in the front of the car.

"Thanks to the State Police's special Father Christmas, two people have received the gift of a kidney," a Facebook post read.

The organs were driven at high speed from Padua to hospitals in Modena and then Rome.



National AED rollout starts



LIFESAVING Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) are set to be installed at 11 National Pharmacies stores, with Greg "Yellow Wiggle" Page helping to launch one of the first four units at the group's outlet in Mitcham, SA yesterday.

National Pharmacies CEO Vito Borrello said the organisation was partnering with Heart of the Nation, headed up by Page, with the aim of delivering AED access to members and pharmacy communities.

Page survived a sudden cardiac arrest almost three years ago, and has since worked to raise awareness of the difference AED availability can make.

"It's great to have National Pharmacies on board with Heart of the Nation," Page said at the launch.

"Sudden cardiac arrest affects around 28,000 people every year and 90% do not survive...AEDs can change this statistic," he said.

The units are being installed at a cost of around \$3,000 each, with the National Pharmacies initiative helping deliver on recent SA legislation to increase the availability of defibrillators for greater access in the community.

Page is pictured alongside the new defibrillator with Laura Inat, Pharmacist in Charge at the Mitcham National Pharmacies store in suburban Adelaide.

FIP expands CPD

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has launched a new format of continuing professional development, with the innovative "FIP CPD Bites" aiming to offer concise, engaging, evidence-driven and easily accessible learning materials.

FIP CPD Bites offers short videos with role-plays, analysis and advice, according to FIP Lead for Provision & Partnerships, Dalia Bajis, who said the first series will comprise seven videos created by FIP experts on ethics.

"As practising pharmacists, we are clinically, ethically and socially accountable for decisions we make regarding the all-important pharmaceutical care of our patients," said FIP Working Group on Ethics Chair, Betty Chaar.

"We often experience ethical dilemmas...to enable better understanding of our obligations, these CPD Bites offer real-life examples in role-play, accompanied by clear, simply articulated analyses and recommended actions" - see pharmacydaily.com.au/videos.



SOME BRANDS THINK MONEY TALKS...

Michelle Martin
Please bring back the other ones!!
These are inedible 🤢

Neil Clarke
They are foul! **Glucogel Jelly Beans** all the way

Michelle Martin
They are disgusting bring back the old ones

Christine Davis
Glucogel taste heaps better than these tried them the other day and they are horrible.

Wendy Thompson
Tried them. Sorry not a fan 🙄

Michelle Martin
They are terrible. As a diabetic that buys jelly beans all the time they are awful 🤢

Janet King
These are awful. Was told they were the same jelly beans but with new package, misleading much!

Vanessa Joyce
They are awful!!! Bring back the Glucogels

Chris Jones
Tom Murphy WHAT!!!!?? They got rid of my jellybeans??? 🤢🤢🤢 the world really is ending 🤢🤢🤢

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