

**PB 33 of 2023**

National Health (COVID‑19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement Amendment (Extension for Receipt Requirements) Instrument 2023

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following instrument.

Dated 31 March 2023

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Aged Care

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1 Name

 (1) This instrument is the *National Health (COVID‑19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement Amendment (Extension for Receipt Requirements) Instrument 2023*.

 (2) This instrument may also be cited as PB 33 of 2023.

2 Commencement

 (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. Sections 1 to 4 and anything in this instrument not elsewhere covered by this table | Immediately after this instrument is registered. | 6.09 pm (A.C.T.) 31 March 2023 |
| 2. Schedule 1 | Immediately after this instrument is registered. | 6.09 pm (A.C.T.) 31 March 2023 |
| 3. Schedule 2 | 1 April 2023. | 1 April 2023 |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

 (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

 This instrument is made under subsection 100(2) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

4 Schedules

 Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments commencing immediately after registration

National Health (COVID‑19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020

1 Section 4

Omit “2023”, substitute “2024”.

Schedule 2—Amendments commencing 1 April 2023

National Health (COVID‑19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020

1 Section 5

Omit:

This instrument makes a special arrangement for the supply of pharmaceutical benefits by approved hospital authorities based on a digital image of a paper‑based prescription, or a copy of a paper‑based prescription.

This instrument also modifies arrangements for supplies of pharmaceutical benefits in relation to written acknowledgement of receipt of the benefits and signatures for records of supplies of the benefits on pharmaceutical benefits prescription record forms.

substitute:

This instrument modifies arrangements for supplies of pharmaceutical benefits in relation to written acknowledgement of receipt of the benefits.

2 Subsection 6(1)

Repeal the following definitions:

 (a) definition of ***approved hospital authority***;

 (b) definition of ***CTS claim***;

 (c) definition of ***Medicare/DVA copy***;

 (d) definition of ***medication chart prescription***;

 (e) definition of ***paper‑based prescription***;

 (f) definition of ***PBS prescriber***;

 (g) definition of ***pharmacist/patient copy***;

 (h) definition of ***relevant streamlined authority code***.

3 Subsection 6(3)

Repeal the subsection.

4 Division 2 of Part 2

Repeal the Division.

5 Division 3 of Part 2 (heading)

Repeal the heading.

6 Section 16A

Repeal the section.

7 Section 18

Repeal the section, substitute:

18 Continued application of Special Arrangement on and after 1 April 2023

 This Special Arrangement, as in force immediately before 1 April 2023, continues to apply on and after 1 April 2023 in relation to the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit made under this Special Arrangement before 1 April 2023.

19 Continued application of Special Arrangement on and after 1 April 2024

 This Special Arrangement, as in force immediately before 1 April 2024, continues to apply on and after 1 April 2024 in relation to the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit made under this Special Arrangement before 1 April 2024.