

Fact Sheet

HIV and hepatitis B section 100 prescribing in South Australia

Application and Approvals Process

This document outlines the process for approval to prescribe HIV and hepatitis B (HBV) section 100 (s100) Highly Specialised Drugs in South Australia. GPs, medical practitioners and non-specialist hospital doctors in South Australia are required to complete this prescriber accreditation process administered by the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) on behalf of SA Health.

1. Course assessment processing

GPs, medical practitioners and non-specialist hospital doctors must complete an approved course in HIV or HBV medicine and successfully pass associated online clinical case assessments.

Alternately, a clinician may request to submit an application for approval to prescribe HIV or HBV s100 Highly Specialised Drugs based on prior work experience.

2. Application form processing

The completed application form is submitted to ASHM for processing.

- > **HIV:** ASHM will process and finalise the application to prescribe. In the case that a clinician is seeking approval based on prior work experience ASHM will forward the application and supporting documents to the HIV National Clinical Advisory Committee for review and assessment.
- > **HBV:** ASHM will forward the application to the SA Viral Hepatitis Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) who will review the application and supporting documents. The CAG may request further information from the applicant or approve the application to prescribe and notify ASHM of this decision.

3. SA Health application approval

ASHM will send a letter to the Manager, Sexually Transmissible Infection & Blood Borne Virus Section, SA Health recommending that the applicant be granted authorisation to prescribe s100 drugs by the Director, Communicable Disease Control Branch, SA Health.

4. Notifying new prescriber

Once an applicant has been authorised and ASHM notified, ASHM will send the prescriber confirmation of their approval to prescribe HIV or HBV s100 drugs in South Australia.

The new prescriber's name will be added to the publicly available ASHM list of South Australian authorised prescribers, if permission is granted by the prescriber.

5. Annual renewal process

- > ASHM will send all s100 prescribers a *Continuing Medical Education (CME) Record Sheet* in the fourth quarter of each calendar year. Prescribers are required to complete and return the Record Sheet to ASHM by 31 December each year.
- > ASHM will notify prescribers in January whether they have met the criteria to maintain their s100 prescriber accreditation for that calendar year.
- > ASHM will maintain an updated list of HIV and HBV prescribers and provide the list to the Manager, Sexually Transmissible Infection & Blood Borne Virus Section.



Further information

- > South Australian Highly Specialised Drugs Program: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/hsdp.
- > Highly Specialised Drugs: www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/highly-specialised-drugs/.
- > ASHM HIV Prescriber Program: <http://www.ashm.org.au/hiv/prescriber-programs>
- > ASHM Hepatitis B Prescriber Program: <http://www.ashm.org.au/HBV/prescriber-programs/>

Hepatitis C Community Prescribing

In 2016, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listed highly effective direct acting antiviral medications for hepatitis C (HCV). These medications can be prescribed under section 85 (General Schedule) and medical practitioners no longer need to be accredited under the s100 program to be eligible to prescribe. This means many patients can now be treated outside of specialist settings, for example, by their GP in the community.

Further information

- > Hepatitis C community prescribing in South Australia:
<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/clinical+resources/clinical+topics/hepatitis+c+community+prescribing/hepatitis+c+community+prescribing>
- > ASHM Hepatitis C Training: <http://www.ashm.org.au/HCV/training>
- > ASHM Community Practitioners Trained in Hepatitis C: <http://www.ashm.org.au/HCV/hcv-prescriber-list/>

For more information

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