

Australian Capital Territory

**MEDICINES, POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC
GOODS REGULATION AMENDMENT 2010
(No 2)**

Explanatory Statement

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Authority

This Regulation is authorised by Chapter 12 of the *Medicines, Poisons and therapeutic Goods Act 2008*.

Outline

The proposed amendments to the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008* are for the purpose of making it clear that the Chief Health Officer can issue a standing order for the purposes of allowing the supply of medicines by registered nurses located in a government funded WiC.

Revenue/Cost Implications

There is no additional cost involved in this Regulation.

Formal Clauses

Clause 1 – Name of Regulation – states the title of the Regulation, which is the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Regulation 2010 (No 2)*.

Clause 2 – Commencement – states when the Regulation commences. The provisions commence on the day after notification.

Clause 3 –Legislation amended – provides that this Regulation amends the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008*.

Clause 4 – New section 11 (2)(ca) – inserts a new subsection which provides for a new authorisation of the CHO to issue standing orders for the supply and administration of medicines at walk-in-centres.

Clause 5 – New division 3.4.3 – inserts a new division which provides for the CHO to issue standing orders for the supply and administration of medicines at walk-in-centres. It also includes section 78, which provides the particulars that are necessary for the issue of standing orders for walk in centres under this division. Of note is paragraph (j) and (k) which allows the CHO to proscribe the maximum duration of supply or administration of the medicine and the maximum quantity of the medicine for supply or administration. These additional requirements are to provide additional safeguards where applicable in the issue of standing orders for walk-in-centres.

Clause 6 – Dictionary, new definition of walk in centre 11 – inserts a new definition for walk-in - centres.