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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PHARMACISTS TO TREAT EVEN MORE EVERYDAY HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Ryan Park, the New South Wales Minister for Health, has announced that pharmacists will soon be able to treat a wide variety of everyday health conditions.

Under the changes, appropriately trained pharmacists will be able to treat acute conditions like nausea and ear infections.

The Government will also trial pharmacist treatment of chronic conditions like asthma and COPD in a regional NSW pilot to commence within 12 months.

Participating pharmacists will be required to complete a year's worth of extra training, equivalent to a Graduate Certificate.

The changes, announced by the Minister in a speech to a Pharmacy Guild conference on Thursday night, mirror a pilot now taking place in North Queensland.

Pharmacists in New South Wales are already able to treat uncomplicated urinary tract infections and offer resupplies of the oral contraceptive pill under a trial which has seen over 18,000 treatments delivered since May of 2023.

"Whether it's providing ten million vaccinations during COVID or treating over 18,000 uncomplicated UTIs over the past year, pharmacists have shown that they are able to offer more of the everyday healthcare patients need," said David Heffernan, NSW Branch President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

"These changes will mean that patients aren't forced to present to hospital for a simple ear infection just because their GP can't see them."

"It'll mean easier access to everyday healthcare for everyone in New South Wales."

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