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By email: MPRB@health.wa.gov.au

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Re: feedback on the draft version of the Monitored Medicine prescribing code

Dear Meeghan,

Thank you for your correspondence dated, 6 August 2024 as part of the Western Australian Department of Health stakeholder review of the draft monitored medicine prescribing code (the draft code).

The Australasian college for Emergency Medicine (ACEM; the College) acknowledges and commends the work that has gone into developing the draft code. ACEM also acknowledges that the increased clarity in the draft code is helpful for Emergency Department (ED) clinicians, in determining when there are exceptions relevant to the ED.

The College engaged the Western Australia Faculty Board members to review and provide comments on the draft code.

General Feedback

ACEM welcomes the continuation of the up to 14-day supply of analgesics upon discharge to bridge to the GP or alternative healthcare service. Increasingly, patients find it very difficult to get appointments with these services in a timely manner.

ACEM notes that there is an administrative burden associated with prescribing for ED clinicians and sufficient resourcing is required to support patient care. Greater numbers of pharmacists based in EDs would enable better shared decision-making across a range of medication related issues and free up time for ED clinicians.

Currently, the College does not have any further comments on your draft code. Thank you again for our letter and for the opportunity to submit comment on the draft monitored medicines prescribing code.

If you have any questions about ACEM or our work, please do not hesitate to contact Hamish Bourne, Manager, Policy and Advocacy (Hamish.bourne@acem.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Clayden'.

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