

High Use Health Card

- ▶ A High Use Health Card entitles people who go to the doctor frequently to reduced costs for doctors visits and medicines.
- ▶ Your doctor can apply for you to get a High Use Health Card if you go to the doctor 12 times or more within one year for consultations relating to an ongoing health problem.
- ▶ If the application is approved a High Use Health Card will be sent to you.
- ▶ The cards are valid for one year and your doctor needs to reapply for a new card for you



Public Health

**Getting your
medicines
from the
Chemist
(Pharmacy)**



When you visit the doctor take all your medicine with you and show them to the doctor

How to get a prescription from the chemist

- ▶ The Doctor may give you a form for some medicine-this is called a prescription.
- ▶ Visit any chemist shop
- ▶ Take your
 1. Prescription form
 2. Community services card
 3. Money to pay
- ▶ Give the prescription to the person at the counter
- ▶ Show your community services card
- ▶ Ask when the prescription will be ready

When your prescription is ready

- ▶ Return to the counter
- ▶ Give your name
- ▶ Ask for your prescription
- ▶ The chemist will explain when and how to use the medicine
- ▶ Ask any questions
- ▶ Pay for the medicine

If you cannot afford the medicine ask the pharmacist to telephone your doctor and ask if there is a cheaper alternative

Prescription charges

- ▶ The normal charge for most prescription drugs is \$3.00 if you have a community services card but some will cost more than this.
- ▶ For children under 6 years most medication is free.
- ▶ If you do not have a community services card the medications will cost \$15.00 per item.

Longterm medication

- ▶ If you need medication long term, for example for diabetes, your doctor will prescribe a three months supply on a prescription.
- ▶ The chemist will give out a month supply
- ▶ You can take the bottle or packet back to the chemist **before you run out of medicine** and get the second month's supply and then after this the third month's supply.
- ▶ The packet will have the word **repeat** on it if there is more medicine to pick up.
- ▶ Generally you only need to pay a charge for the first month of medicine. The second and third month are free.