National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) (Pharmacist Substitution of Medicines without Prescription during Shortages) Amendment (No.2) Determination 2026

I, Mike Pope, Assistant Secretary, PBS Listing, Pricing and Policy Branch, Technology Assessment and Access Division, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, as delegate of the Minister for Health and Ageing, make the following determination.

Dated 28 September 2026

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1 Name

(1) This instrument is the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) (Pharmacist Substitution of Medicines without Prescription during Shortages) Amendment (No.2) Determination 2026*.

(2) This instrument may also be cited as PB 112 of 2026.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	**Commencement**	**Date/Details**
1. The whole of this instrument	1 October 2026	1 October 2026

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 89A(3) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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Schedule 1—Amendments

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1 Subsection 5(8), after item dealing with dapsone

Insert:

17	Listed drug: Diltiazem Form: Capsule (controlled delivery) containing diltiazem hydrochloride 360 mg Manner of administration: Oral Brand: Vasocardol CD	Listed drug: Diltiazem Form: Capsule (controlled delivery) containing diltiazem hydrochloride 180 mg Manner of administration: Oral Brand: any of the following: a) Cardizem CD b) Vasocardol CD

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