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Tēnā koe Cody

Request for information: Urinary drug screen for stimulant medication

Thank you for your request dated 30 November 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to stimulant medication. You requested:

Te Whatu Ora (formerly Canterbury DHB) advises patients that "Ministry of Health criteria for Special Authority application of stimulant medication requires a recent random urinary drug screen if stimulant medication is seen as the appropriate treatment."

Please provide these criteria in full. I was unable to locate it.

Pharmac's Special Authority forms can be accessed through the [Online Community Schedule](#). The forms that relate to stimulants are: [SA1149](#), [SA1964](#), [SA1999](#), [SA2278](#). None of Pharmac's Special Authority access criteria for stimulant treatments require a recent random urinary drug screen to be eligible for treatment. As this information is publicly available, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA.

I have been advised that Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand holds additional information in scope of your request. As you have already made a request to Te Whatu Ora, a transfer is not necessary. Please refer to their response in addition to the information that we have provided.

Please note, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about our response to your OIA, under section 28(3) of the OIA. Details of [how to make a complaint](#) are on the Ombudsman's website.

To make information more freely available, we publish selected OIA responses (excluding personal details) on our website. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about this.

Nāku noa, nā



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