

# Changes to the amount of medicine you receive.

PHARMAC has changed the rules in relation to the amount of medicine that you are dispensed. In some cases, you are able to receive a smaller amount when you are starting on a new medicine or changing the dose of a current medicine.

## You have been prescribed:

- A new medicine
- A new dose of a current medicine

The first supply of your medicine is smaller to make sure the medicine suits you and to reduce any waste if it doesn't suit you.

Once you are sure that the medicine suits you, let your doctor, nurse or pharmacist know so you can receive a larger amount.

If it doesn't suit you, let your doctor, nurse or pharmacist know so something else can be used.

## Help use medicines safely by:

Discussing any concerns about your medicine with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist before collecting your next supply.

**If you would like more information about subsidised medicines and the amount you are allowed to be dispensed you can call PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50 or visit [www.pharmac.govt.nz](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz)**

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