



More 24/7 Pharmacies

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For the
Future

Foreword

As a parent, I know that sometimes your kids get sick in the middle of the night. Up until recently, there hasn't been anywhere for families to go for basic health assistance overnight, like getting medication, except for an emergency department.

Through recent investment, South Australians now have more care alternatives than ever, with the opening of new Medicare Urgent Care Clinics and the expansion of virtual care options.

The health system is now also supported by four new 24/7 pharmacies open in Salisbury Plain, Norwood, Clovelly Park and Hallett Cove.

Since they began, 24/7 pharmacies have been visited by more than 512,000 people during their extended hours, dispensing more than 200,000 scripts and taking more than 18,000 after hours phone calls from people seeking medical advice.

Based on feedback from South Australians who have visited our 24/7 pharmacies, over 20 percent said they would have visited an emergency department if the 24/7 pharmacy was not available. This shows the real value that these services are providing - and we're not stopping there.

The Malinauskas Labor Government will take to the election our plan to deliver three more 24/7 pharmacies – in the west, north-east and Adelaide Hills - to open their doors overnight and provide medication and care when South Australians most need it, helping reduce pressure on our hospitals and GP clinics.

We have also delivered a successful suite of policies to increase health care options available in the community through our pharmacies. These include enabling trained pharmacists to provide advice and treatment for uncomplicated urinary tract infections, and to re-supply the oral contraceptive pill, avoiding often-unnecessary visits to a GP for a prescription.

With the success of these reforms, this year, we are allowing pharmacists with extra training to treat an even wider range of conditions – like joint pain, skin conditions and wound care. We have already funded 120 pharmacists with subsidies for this extra training and now commit to funding 120 more.



Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier for South Australia



LABOR WILL INVEST IN THREE MORE 24/7 PHARMACIES

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We will also:

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**Double the number of expert
pharmacists being trained,
from 120 to 240**

THREE NEW 24/7 PHARMACIES

INVESTMENT: \$13.2 MILLION

Adelaide Hills

Mount Barker is one of the fastest growing areas in the state, which is why the Malinauskas Labor Government has already delivered a new ambulance station, a new preschool and primary school, and we're well on the way to delivering a new hospital.

To support the new Mount Barker Hospital, Labor will deliver a new 24/7 pharmacy for the Adelaide Hills.

This forms a key part of our plan for the long-term sustainability of healthcare in the Adelaide Hills.

Adelaide's West

Since coming to government, we've opened a massive modern clinical services building and Urgent Care Hub at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a new ambulance station at Woodville and helped save the Western Hospital, resulting in a huge boost in available services.

However, the western suburbs are currently without a local pharmacy with extended opening hours, and that's why Labor will deliver a new pharmacy in Adelaide's West.

Adelaide's North East

Early 2026 has seen the delivery of Labor's promised plan for the Modbury Hospital, including saving mental health services and reintroducing cancer services at the hospital.

We've opened 44 new mental health beds and a dedicated Cancer Centre, meaning residents in the north-east will have access to critical services, closer to home.

We have also opened new ambulance stations at Golden Grove and Campbelltown, with 32 more ambos on the roads.

Labor will build on our investment and establish a 24/7 pharmacy for the region.

Following a call for tenders during the last quarter of 2025-26, all three 24/7 Pharmacies will open within 12 months.

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**You never know when you'll need health advice, medicines or support,”
Dr Anglely said.**

“Having 24-hour access to pharmacist advice is a game changer for so many South Australians.”

DR ANGLELY

PRESIDENT, PHARMACEUTICAL
SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA, SOUTH
AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY



SALISBURY PLAIN

NEW
ADELAIDE'S WEST

NEW
ADELAIDE'S NORTH EAST

Adelaide



NORWOOD



CLOVELLY PARK

NEW
ADELAIDE HILLS



HALLETT COVE



TRAINING 120 MORE EXPERT PHARMACISTS

to deliver more healthcare options for South Australians

INVESTMENT: \$1 million

Through a comprehensive training and reform package for pharmacists established by the Malinauskas Labor Government, South Australians will soon be able to attend a local pharmacy for treatment of a range of conditions to boost access to fast convenient health care, including:

- ear infections
- wound management
- gastro
- acne
- shingles
- reflux
- muscle and joint pain
- prescribing hormonal contraception
- travel health advice
- oral health risk assessment
- help with quitting smoking

We have already committed funding to assist 120 pharmacists to undertake this extra training through subsidies of \$7,000 for pharmacists in metropolitan areas and \$8,500 in rural areas.

Labor will take to the election our plan to double the number of training subsidies offered to pharmacists to 240 in total, allowing them to expand the range of healthcare services they can deliver to the community.

This will complement existing primary care services, such as GPs, and increase access for patients, particularly where other services are limited or not open. It will also reduce pressure on busy GP practices and on the health system more broadly, including our emergency departments.

DELIVERED

The Malinauskas Labor Government is backing community pharmacists to undertake a greater role in our health system, to provide more healthcare options for South Australians, and to ease pressure on our emergency departments.



Introduced pharmacist-led urinary tract infection diagnosis

Enabled pharmacists to diagnose and treat uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs). Since then, visits to metropolitan Emergency Departments for uncomplicated UTIs have dropped by 27 percent.



Delivered 30 Palliative Care Community Pharmacies

Supported the Pharmacy Guild to deliver 30 Palliative Care Community Pharmacies, providing tailored support to people in palliative care. These pharmacies have supported 600 consumers and 300 health professionals since early 2024.



Expanded scope of practice for pharmacists

Empowered pharmacists who have received extra training to treat a much wider range of health issues – including nausea, vomiting, reflux, muscle pain, wound care, skin conditions and rhinitis.



Supported mental health training for pharmacists

Funded the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia to deliver mental health first aid training for pharmacists. More than 750 pharmacists have completed this training.



Introduced pharmacist-led oral contraceptive resupply

Allowed trained pharmacists to re-supply the oral contraceptive pill. More than 1,300 women have used this service in the past two years.



Pharmacist medication reviews

Funded a program for pharmacists to provide free medication reviews to patients discharged from the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Flinders Medical Centre – helping prevent hospital readmissions for hundreds of patients.

Free flu vaccines at pharmacies for kids

We delivered a free flu vax program for children aged 6 months to 5 years old to get their flu shot at their local pharmacy. Across all age groups, pharmacists delivered over 230,000 flu vaccinations in 2025.



More vaccinations available at pharmacies

We've expanded pharmacists' authority to administer vaccinations, including travel vaccinations. South Australians can now receive more vaccinations from their local pharmacy than in any other State.

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