

Things we do need to know about you

Under the Medicines Act, the Misuse of Drugs Act, and as part of our contract with the District Health Board, we need to keep the following personal information about you in our records in order to supply you with subsidised medicines:

1. Your name and address
2. The names of your family members
3. The ages of family members under 13 years of age
4. A list of the medicines prescribed for you, and where and when they were prescribed and dispensed
5. The name and address of the person who prescribed the medicine
6. Whether or not you hold a Community Services Card, a High Use Health Card or a Prescription Subsidy Card
7. The cost of your medicines

Here is how the information is used

- Giving us this information qualifies you to receive subsidised medicines. If you do not provide the information, we may not be able to fill your prescription. The information is given to HealthPAC, Private Bag 3015, Wanganui, for subsidy processing.
- The information is also collected as a precaution in case any medicines fail to meet appropriate standards under the Medicines Act and we need to contact you.
- We also need to record these details in order to monitor the abuse potential of some medicines. This is required under the Misuse of Drugs Act.
- Information on particular medicines may also be given to the Ministry of Health, PO Box 5013, Wellington and The Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring, PO Box 913, Dunedin, as part of the medicine safety reporting requirements.
- Under the Privacy Act, you have the right to access and to correct any of the personal information about you held by us or by any of the agencies referred to above.

