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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Medical Services Act*



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT ACT 2015**

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**Act No. [ ] of 2015**

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Act No. [ ] of 2015

An Act to amend the *Medical Services Act*

[Assented to [ ] 2015]  
[Second reading [ ] 2015]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

## 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Medical Services Amendment Act 2015*.

## 2 Act amended

This Act amends the *Medical Services Act*.

## 3 Section 11 amended

### (1) Section 11(1)(c)

*omit, insert*

(c) for medical treatment that is a surgical treatment – the treatment is given in a hospital; and

(ca) for medical treatment that requires the dispensing of a drug – the drug is dispensed by a suitably qualified medical practitioner or a suitably qualified pharmacist; and

### (2) Section 11(2)

*omit*

all words from "must" to "examine"

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*insert*

must be a suitably qualified medical practitioner unless it is not reasonably practicable in the circumstances to get a suitably qualified medical practitioner to examine

(3) Section 11(7)

*omit*

, in giving medical treatment

*insert*

or pharmacist, in giving medical treatment or dispensing a drug,

(4) Section 11(8)

*insert (in alphabetical order)*

**pharmacist** means a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the pharmacy profession (other than as a student).

**suitably qualified medical practitioner** means a medical practitioner who:

- (a) is an obstetrician or gynaecologist; or
- (b) has completed training that is designed to train the medical practitioner to provide advice in the area of fertility control; or
- (c) has a valid credential prescribed by regulation.

**suitably qualified pharmacist** means a pharmacist who has a valid credential prescribed by regulation.

#### **4 Expiry of Act**

This Act expires on the day after it commences.