

## Period Products Access Arrangements

### Interim – December 2023

**As at:** 23 December 2023

#### Locations

- > Belconnen Community Health Centre
- > City Community Health Centre
- > Gungahlin Community Health Centre
- > Inner North (Dickson) Community Health Centre
- > Phillip Community Health Centre
- > Tuggeranong Community Health Centre
- > Weston Creek Community Health Centre
- > Belconnen Walk-in Centre
- > Gungahlin Walk-in Centre
- > Inner North (Dickson) Walk-in Centre
- > Tuggeranong Walk-in Centre
- > Weston Creek Walk-in Centre
- > Canberra Hospital
- > University of Canberra Hospital
- > North Canberra Hospital

#### Purpose

Under section 10 of the *Period Products and Facilities (Access) Act 2023*, the ACT Government must maintain written arrangements for access to period products at public places on the Suitable Places List, available on the relevant ACT Government website. Access Arrangements set out how:

- > a person can access period products in a way that respects their dignity.
- > a reasonable range of period products will be available at the place.

## Expected users

Members of the public accessing Canberra Health Services facilities including:

- > in-patients
- > visitors
- > caregivers
- > general public

## Access arrangements

Period products are expected to be available in Canberra Health Services facilities from early 2025.

Signs will be used to indicate that free period products are available at the CHS facility. Signage locations will include the main entrance to the facility and the specific bathrooms that have dispensers installed (entry door and cubicle doors). Signs will include an easily recognisable symbol/logo that is also included on translated information resources that instruct culturally and linguistically diverse people to identify the locations by looking for the symbol/logo.

## Range of products

Sanitary napkins and tampons are expected to be available in Canberra Health Services facilities from early 2025.

## Principle of Dignity

Products will be available in gender-neutral public bathrooms where possible, ensuring that all people who menstruate can discreetly and privately access the products they need. A universal symbol/logo in signage and information resources will support culturally and linguistically diverse people to locate and access the period products.