

# Expanding Scope Minor Ailments Timeline

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Pharmacists' authority to assess and prescribe for minor ailments has expanded over time. This table summarizes when these prescribing authorities were first introduced, expanded, and are planned to be introduced, for specific minor ailments.

| YEAR                                       | MINOR AILMENT   |
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| <b>2023 (INITIAL)</b>                      | Acne (mild)   |
|  | Allergic rhinitis   |
|  | Canker sores (aphthous ulcers)  |
|  | Cold sores (herpes labialis)  |
|  | Conjunctivitis (bacterial, allergic, or viral)  |
|  | Dermatitis (atopic/eczema, allergic, or contact)  |
|  | Diaper dermatitis   |
|  | Dysmenorrhea  |
|  | Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)  |
|  | Hemorrhoids   |
|  | Impetigo  |
|  | Insect bites and urticaria (hives)  |
|  | Oral thrush (candidal stomatitis)   |
|  | Tick bites, post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease                                     |
|  | Musculoskeletal sprains and strains   |
|  | Nausea and vomiting of pregnancy  |
|  | Pinworms and threadworms  |
|  | Urinary tract infections (uncomplicated)  |
| Yeast infection (vulvovaginal candidiasis) |   |
| <b>JULY 1, 2026 (EXPANDED)</b>             | Calluses and corns  |
|  | Dandruff (seborrheic dermatitis)  |
|  | Dry eye (xerophthalmia, dry eye disease)  |
|  | Head lice (pediculosis)   |
|  | Jock itch (tinea cruris)  |
|  | Mild headache (tension-type)  |
|  | Nasal congestion (viral rhinitis, rhinosinusitis)   |
|  | Ringworm (tinea corporis)   |
|  | Warts (verrucae – vulgaris, plantar; excluding face and genitals)                                 |
| <b>EARLY 2027 (PLANNED)</b>                | <i>Details on additional minor ailments planned for early 2027 will be shared when available.</i> |

## Availability of Services

Providing these services is a choice, not a requirement. Each pharmacy professional practices with professional autonomy. To ensure safe patient care, Designated Managers must assess whether their pharmacy can provide this service while continuing to meet the [Standards of Operation for Pharmacies](#).

Patients should speak to their pharmacy team to find out what healthcare services they offer, how to access those services, and whether they are right for their needs.