



Communities  
& Justice

Ref SGM20/3662 (AF20/2297)

### **GENERAL EXEMPTION ORDER**

In accordance with the provisions of section 175(4A) of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* (NSW) (the Act), on 3 July 2020, the Delegate of the Secretary, NSW Ministry of Health, made a written request for any medical practitioner to be generally exempted from the prohibition to administer a drug of addiction to a child for medical treatment as referred to in the attached Schedule.

In accordance with section 175(4A) of the Act, for the purposes of section 175(2)(d) of the Act, I, **MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER**, Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice, by this order grant a general exemption in relation to special medical treatment involving the administration of drugs of addiction referred to in the attached Schedule.

The exemption issued on 27 September 2018 is hereby revoked.

This order is valid from the date it is signed until it is revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Coutts-Trotter'.

**Michael Coutts-Trotter**  
**Secretary**  
**Department of Communities and Justice**

Dated 22 September 2020

## **SCHEDULE TO GENERAL EXEMPTION ORDER**

Special medical treatment involving the administration of a drug of addiction (within the meaning of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966*) to a child may be necessarily and appropriately given for medical treatment as outlined below.

### **1. MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CANCER**

Any drug of addiction may be administered to a child for the medical treatment of cancer.

### **2. MEDICAL TREATMENT OF ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)**

Dexamfetamine, lisdexamfetamine and methylphenidate may be administered to a child for the medical treatment of ADHD.

### **3. MEDICAL TREATMENT OF NARCOLEPSY**

Dexamfetamine and methylphenidate may be administered to a child for the medical treatment of narcolepsy.

**Michael Coutts-Trotter**  
**Secretary**  
**Department of Communities and Justice**