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CHANGES TO ADHD TREATMENT PATHWAYS IN NSW WELCOMED

The Opposition has today offered its support for the Government's changes to the way people with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can access treatment in NSW.

These changes will enable GPs to provide ongoing ADHD prescriptions for children and adults who are on stables doses of medication, without the need of a formal arrangement. A smaller number of GPs will be enabled to diagnose and initiate medication where appropriate.

Under the Minns Labor Government our mental health system is in crisis and families know it has never been harder or more expensive to access mental health support.

These changes recognise the expense and length of time it can take for children and adults to receive a diagnosis as well as prescription medication for ADHD, particularly in regional NSW.

A timely ADHD diagnosis for a child can mean the world of difference to their development and mental health.

Given the nature of these changes and the prescribed medications involved, the Opposition will be seeking assurances around what professional training and what evaluations and ongoing clinical oversight will be undertaken to ensure the changes are meeting their intended outcomes.

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