Are you taking gabapentin or pregabalin?

From April 1st 2019, gabapentin and pregabalin will become

Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs (CDs).

What does this mean for me?

These are the changes that will affect you:

* Prescriptions will expire 28 days from the date on the prescription.
* Any Pharmacy ‘owings’ must be collected by the expiry.
* Quantities may be reduced to a maximum of 30 days.
* The prescription must specify a dose to be taken.
* The prescription must state the total quantity of medication to be supplied, in both words and figures.
* Repeat dispensing (as distinct from repeat prescribing) cannot be used.
* You will need proof of identity to collect from a pharmacy.
* You will need to sign when collecting your prescription.
* Emergency supplies and loans cannot be made from pharmacies if you run out.

What do I need to do?

* Bring proof of identity when you, or your representative, collects the medication from the pharmacy/dispensary.
* You, or your representative, will be asked to sign when collecting the prescription.