Hacket gets chemist but no PBS help

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''They can get a full range of scripts dispensed, but they'll be dispensed privately.''

Prescriptions dispensed by an unapproved or private pharmacy do not attract a Commonwealth subsidy and cannot be claimed under the PBS.

''Because I'm not compensated, I can't dispense a PBS script,'' she said.

''But also the customer might be collecting towards the safety net; if they are then I'll have to send them off.

''Even though I won't be able to dispense their prescriptions, they're still welcome to come into the pharmacy and talk to me about their medicines and if they're having problems.''

Ms Warne also plans to run health checks including blood pressure and blood sugar levels test.

''Because I'm not a PBS pharmacy I don't get reimbursed through the fifth agreement, but I will still provide that service to these people,'' she said.

''They'll be able to get advice and be able to buy over-the-counter medicine.''

While Ms Warne will not be able to dispense PBS scripts, she said the pharmacy can still play an important role in the community.

''For a general patient, who might be on one or two medications, or a young family that might just need an antibiotic, or someone who's on an antidepressant, they can come in and get it dispensed at a private rate,'' she said.

Federal Member for Fraser Andrew Leigh expressed support for the new pharmacy and has invited Ms Warne to reapply for PBS approval.

''I'm chuffed to see the private pharmacy opening up, as it'll complement an increasingly vibrant suburban centre,'' he said.

''I'm continuing to work to persuade Tanya Plibersek that she should also approve a fully-fledged pharmacy.''