
Public Health Amendment (Motor Neurone Disease) Order 2026

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to advise you of a recent change to the *Public Health Act 2010* (Act).

Motor Neurone Disease

On 27 July 2026 the Act was amended to include Motor Neurone Disease (MND) as a Category 2 scheduled medical condition under Schedule 1. The Order will commence on 1 September 2026 and from that date medical practitioners will be required to notify the NSW Health Secretary if the practitioner, while attending a patient, reasonably suspects the person has MND, and believes the person has not previously been notified, in accordance with section 54 of the Act. The Public Health Amendment (Motor Neurone Disease) Order 2026 is available on the NSW Legislation website at <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/sl-2026-403>.

How to notify

To notify the NSW Health Secretary of MND cases, please complete and send the NSW Doctor/Hospital notification form to Health Protection NSW. The form is available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Documents/doctor-hospital-notification-form.pdf>. Medical practitioners only need to notify MND cases if they have not already been notified.

MND patients are eligible to join the MiNDAUS Registry

The MiNDAUS Registry is a national, opt-in Motor Neurone Disease Registry, which collects health information during MND Clinic visits as well as optional information people may choose to provide. The MiNDAUS Registry is open to all people diagnosed with MND in Australia. People living with MND can register themselves at <https://registry.mindaus.org/mnd/register>, or ask their MND Clinic to help with registration.

Please distribute this information to all medical practitioners within your network.

For further information, please contact Dr Kerryn Coleman, Executive Director, Health Protection NSW by email at moh-healthprotection@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Coleman", with a blue rectangular stamp behind it.

Dr Kerryn Coleman
Executive Director – Health Protection NSW
31 August 2026