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<b>KEY TERMS</b>	Goods Return, Stock, Non Stock, HealthShare, Credit
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Procedure for cost centres to utilise when medical goods are required to be returned to either the HealthShare Distribution Centre (ONELINK warehouse) or directly to the supplier.

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**1. POLICY STATEMENT**

To provide a standardised procedure for advising HealthShare that goods are being returned to the warehouse or supplier, and the reasons for the return.

**2. DEFINITIONS****Inventory Items:**

Goods which are held in the warehouse and can be purchased by cost centres.

**Non Stock Items:**

Goods which are purchased direct from a supplier.

**Goods Return Authority Number:**

A number which is issued by HealthShare, as authorisation for returning goods.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

All Local Health District staff who return goods.

**4. PROCEDURE****4.1 Returning Inventory Items**

- Complete the [Goods Delivery Discrepancy Form](#), via SARA or contact HealthShare Service Desk on 1300 883 965 and the link will be sent to your email
- OneLink warehouse approves the return of goods
- Receive email confirmation with **Return Goods Authority Number and instructions as provided by HealthShare**
- Contact dock staff and arrange pick up back to the delivery docks
- OneLink warehouse transport will pick up the good at the next scheduled delivery to the site

**4.2 Return of non-inventory (Direct from vendor) items**

- Complete the [Goods Delivery Discrepancy Form](#), via SARA or contact HealthShare Service Desk on 1300 883 965 and the link will be sent to your email
- Receive email confirmation with **Return Goods Authority Number and return instructions as provided by HealthShare/Vendor**. These instructions will vary depending on the vendor.
- Contact dock staff and arrange pick up back to the delivery docks, or follow HealthShare/Vendor instructions.

- Goods will either be picked up by the vendors' courier, or the dock staff will arrange courier for pick up back to vendor.

### 4.3 Considerations

Please follow return instructions which will be provided by HealthShare customer service on receipt of your on-line discrepancy form to successfully return the goods.

#### Quick checklist when doing a return

- Are the goods undamaged?
- Are the goods in the unit of issue?
- Have you considered whether the value of the goods warrants a return? Consider time to complete form, time to pack goods, time to send goods to Hospital Dock, time to book pick up (if applicable), cost of freight, cost of customer service time and cost of OneLink time.
- Have you completed the [Goods Delivery Discrepancy Form](#)? (Via SARA)
- Do you have more than three items to return? If so, contact Procurement & Logistics Customer Service on 1300 883 965 before proceeding as the form will only accept three items.
- Have you received a Return Goods Authority Number and instructions-from HealthShare/vendor customer service?
- Do not action the return until the Return Goods Authority Number and instructions are received as this is your authorisation.
- Check whether your return will be via dedicated run or network freight. If you are unsure then please contact HealthShare customer service to confirm.
- Ensure the instructions are followed.

#### Inventory Disputes Process

HealthShare NSW, in collaboration with Onelink, will ensure all customer requests for goods are delivered accurately and as per delivery schedule.

If your delivered goods are short supplied, over supplied, incorrectly supplied or damaged, please complete the online Goods Discrepancy Form via SARA within seven working days.

Key steps:

- Check the number of cartons/trolleys/pallets you receive matches your delivery manifest or network freight consignment note before signing for delivery.
- Check your received goods against your pick slip.

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- Any discrepancies claims must be made via the Online Goods Discrepancy Form via SARA within seven working days. NOTE - This is negotiable dependent on your delivery rates and cause of discrepancy.

### 5. DOCUMENTATION

[Goods Delivery Discrepancy Form](#)

### 6. AUDIT

Not required

### 7. REFERENCES

<https://intranet.hss.health.nsw.gov.au/service-catalogue/d.-procurement-and-logistics/d.5.-warehousing-and-logistics/d.5.2-inventory-items-returns>

### 8. REVISION AND APPROVAL HISTORY

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