

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription drug broad category code XX

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition:	The code set representing broad categories of drugs, therapeutic aids and appliances included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and other associated schemes such as the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) and the national Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Scheme.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	XX
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	CA	Highly Specialised Drugs (community access items)
	CT	Chemotherapy support drugs
	DB	Prescriber Bag
	DT	Dental
	GE	General
	GH	Human growth hormone
	HS	Highly Specialised Drugs (private hospital items)
	HB	Highly Specialised Drugs (public hospital items)
	IF	In-vitro fertilisation
	IN	Chemotherapy (private hospital items)
	IP	Chemotherapy (public hospital items)
	MD	Methadone
	OT	Optometrical
	PL	Palliative care
	PQ	Paraplegic and quadriplegic associations
	R1	Repatriation
	ST	Stoma appliances
	SY	Special authority program
	SZ	Special authority program
	TY	Herceptin (private hospital items)
	TZ	Herceptin (public hospital items)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE CA Highly Specialised Drugs (community access items)

This code is used to describe medicinal products dispensed by community pharmacies under the [Highly Specialised Drugs](#) Program.

The community access component of the Highly Specialised Drugs Program came into effect from 1 July 2015.

More information in relation to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program, including lists of the medicinal products included in the program, is available from the relevant pages on the Department of Health website (see the 'Reference documents' section below).

CODE DB Prescriber Bag

This code denotes the medicinal products available via the Prescriber Bag provisions of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Under the Prescriber Bag provisions, pharmaceutical benefits are provided without charge to prescribers who, in turn, can supply them free of charge to patients for emergency use.

Also known as Doctor's Bag, particularly in the context of historical data records.

CODE DT Dental

This code is used to identify the medicinal products that authorised dental practitioners are permitted to prescribe.

CODE HS Highly Specialised Drugs (private hospital items)

CODE HB Highly Specialised Drugs (public hospital items)

Codes HS and HB are used to describe medicinal products dispensed in either private or public hospitals under the Highly Specialised Drugs Program.

More information in relation to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program, including lists of the medicinal products included in the program, is available from the relevant pages on the Department of Health website (see the 'Reference documents' section below).

CODE IN Chemotherapy (private hospital items)

CODE IP Chemotherapy (public hospital items)

Codes IN and IP are used to denote instances where chemotherapy drugs are dispensed in either private or public hospitals.

CODE OT Optometrical

This code is used to identify the medicinal products that authorised optometrists are permitted to prescribe.

CODE R1 Repatriation

This code refers to medicinal products that are either:

- included in the Schedule of Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits but not the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits, or
- included in both the Schedule of Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits and the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.

Code R1 is used in cases where the prescription is written in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) rather than the general PBS. Similarly, Code GE (see above) is used in cases where the prescription is written in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the general PBS rather than the RPBS.

For some medicinal products, details such as the number of repeat supplies, the permitted maximum quantity to be supplied or eligibility criteria can differ between the two schemes. In the case of RPBS prescriptions, the eligibility criteria and supply details from the Schedule of Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits are applicable.

CODE SY Special authority program

CODE SZ Special authority program

Codes SY and SZ are no longer used and should only be present in historical data, particularly data for periods prior to the commencement of the Herceptin® program on 1 October 2006. More recently, Codes SY and SZ have been replaced by Codes TY and TZ.

CODE TY Herceptin® (private hospital items)

CODE TZ Herceptin® (public hospital items)

Codes TY and TZ are used to denote prescriptions dispensed under the Herceptin® program in either private or public hospitals. The program commenced on 1 October 2006, and allows for the listing of trastuzumab (Herceptin®) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for the treatment of patients with HER-2 positive early stage breast cancer.

More information in relation to the Herceptin® Program is available from the relevant page on the Department of Health website (see the 'Reference documents' section below).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Reference documents: Department of Health 2015. Section 100 - Highly Specialised Drugs Program. Viewed 10 November 2015,
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Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—type of drug prescribed, broad category code XX](#)
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