Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) form type code AA

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	601192
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Definition:	A code set representing the types of forms available when making a claim for benefits available under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	OR	Original prescription
	RE	Repeat prescription
	AU	Original authority prescription
	AR	Repeat authorisation relating to authority prescription
	VA	Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) original prescription
	VR	Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) repeat prescription
	DS	Deferred supply authorisation
	DE	Prescription written by a participating dental practitioner
	DB	Prescriber Bag supply form
	OS	Ostomy prescription
	PR	Patient claim for refund form

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The code set also includes codes for related prescription-related benefit schemes such as the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS).

CODE OR Original prescription

This code denotes the original supply of a medicinal product prescribed under the provisions of the general PBS.

CODE RE Repeat prescription

This code denotes a repeat supply of a medicinal product prescribed under the provisions of the general PBS.

The permitted number of repeats for each PBS item is listed in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits. The prescriber may specify less than the listed number of repeats, based on the patient's needs. If a prescriber feels it necessary to specify a number of repeats greater than that listed for the item in the Schedule, a PBS authority form must be obtained from the Department of Human Services either by phone, in writing or electronically.

CODE AU Original authority prescription

This code denotes the original supply of a medicinal product prescribed via an authority prescription.

Authority prescriptions are used for selected PBS items that are only intended for patients who satisfy criteria specified in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits. The prescriber must seek approval from the Department of Human Services and must declare the specific conditions and circumstances that justify the use of these medicines. This can be done either by phone, in writing or electronically.

For example, the drug alprazolam in 1 mg tablet form (PBS item 2132F, as at 1 November 2015) is only available via an authority prescription, prescribed specifically for the treatment of panic disorders where other treatments have failed or are inappropriate.

An original authority prescription form is also used when the prescriber specifies the supply of a number of repeat supplies and/or quantities of the prescribed medicinal product greater than the maximum number of repeats or quantities specified for the applicable item in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits, for both authority and non-authority PBS items.

CODE AR Repeat authorisation relating to authority prescription

This code denotes a repeat supply of a medicinal product prescribed via an authority prescription.

CODE VA Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) original prescription

This code denotes the original supply of a medicinal product prescribed under the provisions of the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS).

CODE VR Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) repeat prescription

This code denotes a repeat supply of a medicinal product prescribed under the provisions of the RPBS.

CODE DS Deferred supply authorisation

This code denotes the authorisation of the deferred supply of a prescribed item in cases where the prescription specifies the supply of more than one prescribed item.

A deferred supply occurs when the patient or PBS consumer requests the deferral of the original supply of one or more of the pharmaceutical benefits specified in a prescription. The pharmacist, prescriber or hospital authority must prepare a separate deferred supply authorisation for each item for which the deferred supply is requested.

More information in relation to the deferred supply of pharmaceutical benefits is available in Regulation 26A of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960* (Cwth) (see the 'Reference documents' section below).

CODE DB Prescriber Bag supply form

This code denotes the use of the order form associated with the **Prescriber Bag** provisions of the 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 OS Ostomy prescription

This code denotes Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) prescriptions, i.e. prescriptions for stoma-related products and appliances provided to patients who are members of a stoma association in Australia and who hold an SAS entitlement card issued by the Department of Human Services through one of the associations.

CODE PR Patient claim for refund form

This code denotes instances where the customer of a pharmacy completes a Patient claim for refund form.

A refund can only be claimed if either:

- the patient or PBS consumer exceeds their PBS Safety Net threshold before being issued with a PBS Safety Net card, or
- the patient or PBS consumer cannot prove eligibility for a PBS benefit when the pharmacy supplies the prescribed medicinal product.

Pharmacies do not claim refunds on behalf of their customers. However, they can provide information to the patient to assist in making a claim for a refund.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Reference documents: Office of Parliamentary Counsel, ComLaw website 2014. National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960 (Cwth). Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Canberra. Viewed 13 November 2015, https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2015C00833

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain: Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—PBS form type, code AA
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