

# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —PBS benefit amount, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	PBS benefit amount
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	PBS benefit payable
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	601909
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 17/12/2015</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	For a given Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription, the total amount of the Commonwealth government contribution towards the cost of prescription medicinal products supplied via the PBS, expressed in Australian dollars.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—PBS benefit amount</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Currency
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNNNN].NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	8
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Australian currency (AU\$)
<b>Unit of measure precision:</b>	2

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This value domain must be expressed to two decimal places. Where there is a dollar value and no cent value, the cents must be expressed as .00 (e.g. 100.00).
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This data element equates to the total price of the prescribed medicinal product less the amount of the <a href="#">patient contribution</a> .
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Health
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### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—PBS patient contribution, total Australian currency N\[NNNNN\].NN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#) Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 17/12/2015

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*DSS specific information:*

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