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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | PBS benefit amount |
| Synonymous names: | PBS benefit payable |
| METEOR identifier: | 601909 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | 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. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—PBS benefit amount](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601907) |
| Value Domain: | [Total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270684) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Currency | |
| Format: | N[NNNNN].NN | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |
| Unit of measure: | Australian currency (AU$) | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | 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 | |
| Guide for use: | This data element equates to the total price of the prescribed medicinal product less the amount of the  [patient contribution](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603362). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—PBS patient contribution, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603362)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602524)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014 ***DSS specific information:***  Variable name = BNFT\_AMT |