

Commonwealth government assistance scheme category code AX

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	604079
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	A code set describing patient categories, in the context of the Commonwealth government assistance scheme under which a benefit or subsidy is paid to the patient.
Context:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	AX	
Maximum character length:	2	
Permissible values:	Value	Meaning
	G1	General Safety Net prescription
	G2	General non-Safety Net prescription
	C0	Concessional Safety Net prescription
	C1	Concessional non-Safety Net prescription
	R0	Repatriation (Department of Veterans' Affairs - DVA) Safety Net prescription
	R1	Repatriation (DVA) non-Safety Net prescription
	DB	Prescriber Bag orders
	OC	Stoma products prescription
	OP	Paraplegic or quadriplegic products prescription

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:CODE DB [Prescriber Bag](#) orders

This code is used to describe a provision within the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) whereby certain 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 orders, particularly in the context of historical data records.

CODE OC Stoma products prescription

This code is used in instances where the payment of a benefit is related to the provision of stoma-related aids and appliances.

Assistance in relation to stoma-related products is provided via the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS). The SAS provides assistance to Medicare-eligible Australian residents who have a temporary or permanent artificial body opening, whether created surgically or otherwise, which facilitates the removal of urine and products of the gastrointestinal tract where the person does not have normal gastrointestinal tract or bladder functions.

To receive subsidised stoma-related products a patient must be a member of a stoma association in Australia and hold an SAS entitlement card issued by the Department of Human Services through one of the associations.

CODE OP Paraplegic or quadriplegic products prescription

This code is used in instances where the payment of a benefit is related to the provision of paraplegic- or quadriplegic-related aids and appliances.

Assistance in relation to paraplegic- or quadriplegic-related products is provided via the provisions of the *National Health (Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program) Special Arrangement 2010*. The program provides assistance to Medicare-eligible Australian residents who have paraplegia or quadriplegia.

To receive subsidised paraplegic- or quadriplegic-related products a patient must be a member of an authorised paraplegic or quadriplegic association in Australia and hold an entitlement card issued by the Department of Human Services through one of the associations.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health**Reference documents:** Department of Health 2015. Stoma Appliance Scheme web page. Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 17 September 2015, <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Stoma+Appliance+Scheme-3>

Office of Parliamentary Counsel, ComLaw website 2015. National Health (Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program) Special Arrangement 2010 (PB 118 of 2010) (Cwth). Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Canberra. Viewed 17 September 2015, <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2015C00562>

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—patient entitlement status \(derived\)](#), [Commonwealth government assistance scheme code AX](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023