

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —number of authorised medication supplies, total number N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of authorised medication supplies
METEOR identifier:	605072
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	For a given Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription, the total number of times that the prescribed medicinal product is supplied to the patient or PBS consumer.
Data Element Concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—number of authorised medication supplies
Value Domain:	Total number N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This data item should be used in conjunction with the data item Regulation 24 applicable indicator . For 'single supply' prescriptions, i.e. those that specify an original supply only of the prescribed medicinal product with no repeats, this data item should have a value of 1. For repeat prescriptions, this data item should have either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a value of 1 for those prescriptions where Regulation 24 applicable indicator has a negative response, or• a value equivalent to 1 plus the number of repeats specified by the prescriber for those prescriptions where Regulation 24 applicable indicator has a positive response, e.g. for a prescription where 5 repeats are specified by the prescriber and the Regulation 24 applicable indicator has a positive response, this data should have a value of 6.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—Regulation 24 applicable indicator, yes/no code A](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

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