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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/605069) |
| Value Domain: | [Total number N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/347205) |

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| 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 |



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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601746).  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:   * a value of 1 for those prescriptions where [Regulation 24 applicable indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601746) has a negative response, or * a value equivalent to 1 plus the number of repeats specified by the [**prescriber**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/606757) for those prescriptions where [Regulation 24 applicable indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601746) 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. |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601746)  [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 = PRSCRPTN\_CNT |