

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Number of authorised medication supplies
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	605072
<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 number of times that the prescribed medicinal product is supplied to the patient or PBS consumer.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—number of authorised medication supplies</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2				
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated/inadequately described
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>This data item should be used in conjunction with the data item <a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For repeat prescriptions, this data item should have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a value of 1 for those prescriptions where <a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a> has a negative response, or</li><li>• a value equivalent to 1 plus the number of repeats specified by the <a href="#">prescriber</a> for those prescriptions where <a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a> 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.</li></ul>
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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](#), 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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