

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —eligibility card type, code AA

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	PBS eligibility card type
Synonymous names:	PBS card type; Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme card type
METEOR identifier:	605149
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The type of eligibility card held by the patient or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) consumer for whom the claim for a PBS benefit is made, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—eligibility card type
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Definition:	The type of eligibility card held by the patient or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) consumer for whom the claim for a PBS benefit is made.
Object class:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription
Property:	Eligibility card type

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) eligibility card type code AA
METEOR identifier:	605103
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The code set representing the types of eligibility card that can be used to claim benefits associated with the prescription medicinal products available via the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Context: Eligibility for benefits associated with the PBS is dependent on the presentation of at least one of the cards listed below.

For the purposes of the PBS, valid eligibility cards include:

- the Medicare card,
- concession cards issued by Commonwealth agencies such as the Department of Human Services or the Department of Social Services,
- eligibility cards for the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) run by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and
- membership cards for associations established to support the wellbeing of persons who can have an ongoing need for access to subsidised medical aids or appliances, e.g. persons with stomas, or persons with paraplegia or quadriplegia.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: AA

Maximum character length: 2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	BC	Department of Veterans' Affairs (Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme or 'Orange card')
	CN	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme concessional entitlement (Department of Human Services - DHS)
	DT	Dependant treatment entitlement (Department of Veterans' Affairs - DVA)
	EI	Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA)
	ET	Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA)
	HB	Centrelink (Health Benefits)
	HC	Centrelink (Health Care Card)
	JI	Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA)
	JT	Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA)
	KI	Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA)
	MC	Medicare (general entitlement) (DHS)
	OC	Ostomy membership (colostomy/ileostomy)
	PC	Pensioner concession (Department of Social Services - DSS, DVA)
	PM	Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA)
	PS	Combined Pensioner concession/Senior Health Care (DVA)
	PT	DVA (Pensioner treatment entitlement card (PTEC) or 'Gold card')
	PW	Dependant treatment entitlement (DVA)
	SB	Pensioner health benefits (DSS)/Centrelink (Seniors' benefit)
	SC	Pharmaceutical benefits concession (DSS)
	SH	Centrelink (Senior Health Card) or DVA (Senior Health Card)
	SN	Pharmaceutical Benefit Safety Net (DHS)
	SP	Service pension benefit (DVA)

	ST	DVA (Specific treatment entitlement card (STEC) or 'White card')
	VB	Pensioner health benefits (DVA)
Supplementary values:	2 blanks	Not available/Not applicable/Unknown

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:

Most government-based assistance or benefits schemes typically require the presentation of an eligibility card of some sort at the time of the service being provided, to establish the eligibility of the cardholder in relation to receipt of the service or any associated benefit or subsidy.

For example, a Medicare card must be presented either by on or the behalf of a patient visiting a general practitioner in order for a claim to be made for benefits available under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

Similarly, benefits available through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) can only be claimed upon presentation of a valid Medicare card and/or another applicable concession card.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Relational attributes

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Commonwealth Department of Health, Retired 19/10/2023

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = PBS_CRD_TYP_CD

In the context of the PBS information provided to the Department of Health by the Department of Human Services for the 2013-14 financial year, all data records contain Code 'MC' (Medicare), regardless of whether more than one type of eligibility card was presented by the PBS consumer.

In theory, this data item should contain either 'MC' for most prescriptions, i.e. those prescriptions where only a Medicare card was presented, or the code representing any other eligibility card presented along with the Medicare card. However, this is known to not be the case.