

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Subspecialty of prescriber
METEOR identifier:	607133
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The field of subspecialty of the authorised health professional responsible for the writing and signing of a prescription for a medicinal product included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber
METEOR identifier:	600679
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The field of specialty of the authorised health professional responsible for the writing and signing of a prescription for a medicinal product included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
Object class:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription
Property:	Specialty of prescriber

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Health professional subspecialty code NNNNNN
METEOR identifier:	607042
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	A code set representing subcategories of medical specialty.
Context:	The subcategories and codes presented here are commonly used in the context of the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NNNNNN
Maximum character length:	6

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	010101	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - non-referred attendances
	010102	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - procedural
	010103	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - anaesthesia
	010104	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - acupuncture
	010105	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - obstetrics
	010106	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - diagnostic imaging
	010201	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - non-referred attendances
	010202	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - procedural
	010203	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - anaesthesia
	010204	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - acupuncture
	010205	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - obstetrics
	010206	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - diagnostic imaging
	010301	General practitioner - GP trainee - GP trainee
	019999	General practitioner - unclassified - unclassified
	020101	Specialist - internal medicine - internal medicine
	020102	Specialist - internal medicine - general medicine
	020103	Specialist - internal medicine - clinical pathology
	020201	Specialist - immunology and allergy - immunology and allergy
	020301	Specialist - cardiology - cardiology
	020401	Specialist - haematology - haematology
	020501	Specialist - endocrinology - endocrinology
	020601	Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology - gastroenterology and hepatology
	020701	Specialist - nephrology - nephrology
	020801	Specialist - neurology - neurology
	020901	Specialist - nuclear medicine - nuclear medicine
	021001	Specialist - paediatric medicine - paediatric medicine
	021101	Specialist - rehabilitation medicine - rehabilitation medicine
	021201	Specialist - rheumatology - rheumatology
	021301	Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine - respiratory and sleep medicine
	021401	Specialist - geriatric medicine - geriatric medicine
	021501	Specialist - medical oncology - medical oncology
	021601	Specialist - intensive care - intensive care
	021701	Specialist - pathology - pathology

021801	Specialist - surgery - general surgery
021802	Specialist - surgery - cardiothoracic surgery
021803	Specialist - surgery - neurosurgery
021804	Specialist - surgery - orthopaedic surgery
021805	Specialist - surgery - paediatric surgery
021806	Specialist - surgery - plastic and reconstructive surgery
021807	Specialist - surgery - urology
021808	Specialist - surgery - vascular surgery
021901	Specialist - diagnostic radiology - diagnostic radiology
022001	Specialist - anaesthetics - anaesthetics
022101	Specialist - dermatology - dermatology
022201	Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology - obstetrics and gynaecology
022301	Specialist - ophthalmology - ophthalmology
022401	Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT) - ear, nose and throat (ENT)
022501	Specialist - public health medicine - public health medicine
022601	Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery - oral and maxillofacial surgery
022701	Specialist - palliative medicine - palliative medicine
022801	Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine - occupational and environmental medicine
022901	Specialist - infectious diseases - infectious diseases
023001	Specialist - clinical genetics - clinical genetics
023101	Specialist - psychiatry - psychiatry
023201	Specialist - college trainee (physician) - college trainee (physician)
023301	Specialist - sport and exercise medicine - sport and exercise medicine
023401	Specialist - addiction medicine - addiction medicine
023501	Specialist - sexual health medicine - sexual health medicine
023601	Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine - maternal-foetal medicine
023701	Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility - reproductive endocrinology and infertility
023801	Specialist - urogynaecology - urogynaecology
029999	Specialist - unclassified - unclassified
030101	Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker - Aboriginal Health Worker
030201	Allied health - allied mental health - mental health worker
030202	Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (clinical)
030203	Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (non-clinical)
030301	Allied health - chiropractor - chiropractor
030401	Allied health - dietitian - dietitian

030402	Allied health - dietician - diabetes educator
030501	Allied health - midwife - midwife
030601	Allied health - nurse practitioner - nurse practitioner
030701	Allied health - occupational therapist - occupational therapist
030801	Allied health - optometrist - optometrist
030901	Allied health - osteopath - osteopath
031001	Allied health - physiotherapist - physiotherapist
031002	Allied health - physiotherapist - exercise physiologist
031101	Allied health - podiatrist - podiatrist
031201	Allied health - speech pathologist - speech pathologist
031301	Allied health - audiologist - audiologist
031401	Allied health - social worker - social worker
039999	Allied health - unclassified - unclassified
040101	Dental practitioner - oral surgery - oral surgery
040201	Dental practitioner - registered - registered
040301	Dental practitioner - endodontist - endodontist
040401	Dental practitioner - orthodontist - orthodontist
040501	Dental practitioner - periodontist - periodontist
040601	Dental practitioner - prosthetist - prosthetist
040701	Dental practitioner - prosthodontist - prosthodontist
049999	Dental practitioner - unclassified - unclassified

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The first 2 characters of the code represent the broad group into which the health professional falls, i.e. either a General Practitioner (GP), Specialist, Allied health professional or Dental practitioner.

Characters 3-4 represent the health professional's major field of specialty, and characters 5-6 represent the health professional's subspecialty. In some cases, a specialty may consist of one subspecialty.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, group code NN](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, major specialty code NNNN](#)

[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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

This data element is not part of the 2013-14 data extracted provided to the states and territories. It is a more detailed version of the 'Specialty group of prescriber' data element and is included here so it can be taken through the data governance process.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Disaggregation

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people, aged 17 years and under, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 \(i\) Age 17 years & under, \(ii\) Age 18 - 64 years, \(iii\) Age 65 years & over](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged \(i\) 18 years and over, \(ii\) 1 year and under, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 15/09/2022

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 15/09/2022

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 15/09/2022

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 15/09/2022