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**Department of Health and Ageing**

**SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL  
BENEFITS**

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

**EFFECTIVE 1 February 2013**

## PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

These changes to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits are effective from 1 February 2013. The Schedule is updated on the first day of each month and is available on the Internet at [www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au).

### Fees, Patient Contributions and Safety Net Thresholds

The following fees, patient contributions and safety net thresholds apply as at 1 February 2013 and are included, where applicable, in prices published in the Schedule —

Dispensing Fees:	Ready-prepared	\$6.52
	Dangerous drug fee	\$2.71
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$8.56
	Allowable additional patient charge*	\$4.11
Additional Fees (for safety net prices):	Ready-prepared	\$1.11
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$1.45
Patient Co-payments:	General	\$36.10
	Concessional	\$5.90
Safety Net Thresholds:	General	\$1390.60
	Concessional	\$354.00
Safety Net Card Issue Fee:		\$9.06

\*The allowable additional patient charge is a discretionary charge to general patients if a pharmaceutical item has a dispensed price for maximum quantity less than the general patient co-payment. The pharmacist may charge general patients the allowable additional fee but the fee cannot take the cost of the prescription above the general patient co-payment for the medicine. This fee does not count towards the Safety Net threshold.

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

### Additions

#### Addition – Item

- 2277W **Metronidazole**, metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 5 x 100 mL bags (*Metronidazole-Claris*)  
2298Y **Metronidazole**, metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 5 x 100 mL bags (*Metronidazole-Claris*)(**Dental**)

#### Addition – Brand

- 8511Y *Fonat, AL* – **Alendronate**, alendronate 70 mg tablet, 4  
1081X *Atenolol GH, GQ* – **Atenolol**, atenolol 50 mg tablet, 30  
1269T *Cyproterone Sandoz, HX* – **Cyproterone**, cyproterone acetate 50 mg tablet, 20  
1270W *Cyproterone Sandoz, HX* – **Cyproterone**, cyproterone acetate 50 mg tablet, 50  
8506Q *Exemestane-GA, GM* – **Exemestane**, exemestane 25 mg tablet, 30  
8505P *Gabapentin Pfizer, FZ* – **Gabapentin**, gabapentin 100 mg capsule, 100  
1834M *Gabapentin Pfizer, FZ* – **Gabapentin**, gabapentin 300 mg capsule, 100  
1835N *Gabapentin Pfizer, FZ* – **Gabapentin**, gabapentin 400 mg capsule, 100  
8389M *Gabapentin Pfizer, FZ* – **Gabapentin**, gabapentin 800 mg tablet, 100  
8534E *Ledip, RA* – **Lercanidipine**, lercanidipine hydrochloride 10 mg tablet, 28  
8679T *Ledip, RA* – **Lercanidipine**, lercanidipine hydrochloride 20 mg tablet, 28  
8245Y *Pharmacy Choice Letrozole, RI* – **Letrozole**, letrozole 2.5 mg tablet, 30  
5231H *Tramadol Sandoz, SZ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules (**Dental**)  
8582Q *Tramadol Sandoz, SZ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules  
3484J *Tramadol Sandoz, SZ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules (**Prescriber Bag**)  
8523N *Tramadol SR generichealth, GQ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg tablet: modified release, 20 tablets  
8524P *Tramadol SR generichealth, GQ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 150 mg tablet: modified release, 20 tablets  
8525Q *Tramadol SR generichealth, GQ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 200 mg tablet: modified release, 20 tablets

#### Addition – Equivalence Indicator

- 3033P *Mycostatin, FM* – **Nystatin**, nystatin 100 000 international units/mL oral liquid, 24 mL  
3033P *Nilstat, QA* – **Nystatin**, nystatin 100 000 international units/mL oral liquid, 24 mL  
3343Y *Mycostatin, FM* – **Nystatin**, nystatin 100 000 international units/mL oral liquid, 24 mL  
3343Y *Nilstat, QA* – **Nystatin**, nystatin 100 000 international units/mL oral liquid, 24 mL

### Deletions

#### Deletion – Brand

- 1081X *Atenolol generichealth, GQ* – **Atenolol**, atenolol 50 mg tablet, 30  
2456G *Prinivil 5, MK* – **Lisinopril**, lisinopril 5 mg tablet, 30  
2833D *Pravastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Pravastatin**, pravastatin sodium 10 mg tablet, 30  
9237E *Pravastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Pravastatin**, pravastatin sodium 10 mg tablet, 30  
2834E *Pravastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Pravastatin**, pravastatin sodium 20 mg tablet, 30  
9238F *Pravastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Pravastatin**, pravastatin sodium 20 mg tablet, 30  
8197K *Pravastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Pravastatin**, pravastatin sodium 40 mg tablet, 30  
9239G *Pravastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Pravastatin**, pravastatin sodium 40 mg tablet, 30  
2011W *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 10 mg tablet, 30  
9242K *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 10 mg tablet, 30  
2012X *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 20 mg tablet, 30  
9243L *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 20 mg tablet, 30  
8173E *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 40 mg tablet, 30  
9244M *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 40 mg tablet, 30  
8313M *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 80 mg tablet, 30  
9245N *Simvastatin Winthrop, WA* – **Simvastatin**, simvastatin 80 mg tablet, 30  
8582Q *Tramahexal, SZ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules  
5231H *Tramahexal, SZ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules (**Dental**)  
3484J *Tramahexal, SZ* – **Tramadol**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules (**Prescriber Bag**)

## Alterations

### Alteration – Restriction

1638F	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag ( <i>Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd</i> )
5154G	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag ( <i>Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd</i> )( <b>Dental</b> )
1821W	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags ( <i>DBL Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion</i> )
1832K	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags ( <i>DBL Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion</i> )( <b>Dental</b> )

### Alteration – Note

1638F	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag ( <i>Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd</i> )
5154G	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag ( <i>Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd</i> )( <b>Dental</b> )
1821W	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags ( <i>DBL Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion</i> )
1832K	<b>Metronidazole</b> , metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags ( <i>DBL Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion</i> )( <b>Dental</b> )

### Alteration – Manufacturer's Code

		<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
9296G	<i>DuoCover</i> , AV – <b>Aspirin + Clopidogrel</b> , aspirin 100 mg + clopidogrel 75 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
8358X	<i>Iscover</i> , AV – <b>Clopidogrel</b> , clopidogrel 75 mg tablet, 28	BQ	AV
9317J	<i>Iscover</i> , AV – <b>Clopidogrel</b> , clopidogrel 75 mg tablet, 28	BQ	AV
8246B	<i>Avapro</i> , AV – <b>Irbesartan</b> , irbesartan 75 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
8247C	<i>Avapro</i> , AV – <b>Irbesartan</b> , irbesartan 150 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
8248D	<i>Avapro</i> , AV – <b>Irbesartan</b> , irbesartan 300 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
8404H	<i>Avapro HCT 150/12.5</i> , AV – <b>Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide</b> , irbesartan 150 mg + hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
8405J	<i>Avapro HCT 300/12.5</i> , AV – <b>Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide</b> , irbesartan 300 mg + hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
2136K	<i>Avapro HCT 300/25</i> , AV – <b>Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide</b> , irbesartan 300 mg + hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg tablet, 30	BQ	AV
9316H	<i>Nebilet</i> , FK – <b>Nebivolol</b> , nebivolol 1.25 mg tablet, 28	CS	FK
9311C	<i>Nebilet</i> , FK – <b>Nebivolol</b> , nebivolol 5 mg tablet, 28	CS	FK
9312D	<i>Nebilet</i> , FK – <b>Nebivolol</b> , nebivolol 10 mg tablet, 28	CS	FK
9454N	<i>Oxytrol</i> , GM – <b>Oxybutynin</b> , oxybutynin 3.9 mg/24 hours patch, 8	HH	GM
8460G	<i>Androderm</i> , GM – <b>Testosterone</b> , testosterone 2.5 mg/24 hours patch, 60	HH	GM
8619P	<i>Androderm</i> , GM – <b>Testosterone</b> , testosterone 5 mg/24 hours patch, 30	HH	GM

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## Deletions

### Deletion – Item

4036K	<i>Proctosedyl</i> , SW – <b>Hydrocortisone + Cinchocaine</b> , hydrocortisone 0.5% (5 mg/g) + cinchocaine hydrochloride 0.5% (5 mg/g) ointment, 30 g
4038M	<i>Proctosedyl</i> , SW – <b>Hydrocortisone + Cinchocaine</b> , hydrocortisone 5 mg + cinchocaine hydrochloride 5 mg suppository, 12
4043T	<i>Betamin</i> , SW – <b>Thiamine</b> , thiamine hydrochloride 100 mg tablet, 100

## Alterations

### Alteration – Manufacturer's Code

4179Y	<i>Iscover</i> , AV – <b>Clopidogrel</b> , clopidogrel 75 mg tablet, 28	<i>From:</i> BQ	<i>To:</i> AV
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## GENERAL PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

Code	Name, Restriction, Manner of Administration and Form	Max. Qty (Packs)	No. of Rpts	Premium \$	Dispensed Price for Max. Qty \$	Maximum Recordable Value for Safety Net \$	a	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
<b>METRONIDAZOLE</b>									
<b><u>Restricted benefit</u></b>									
Prophylaxis to prevent infection									
<b>The Clinical criteria is:</b>									
Patient must be undergoing large bowel surgery.									
<b><u>Restricted benefit</u></b>									
Acute anaerobic sepsis									
<b>The Treatment criteria is:</b>									
Must be treated in a hospital.									
<b><u>Note</u></b>									
Pharmaceutical benefits that have the forms metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag, metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags and metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 5 x 100 mL bags are equivalent for the purposes of substitution.									
2277W NP	metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 5 x 100 mL bags	2	..	..	*53.16	36.10	a	Metronidazole-Claris	AE
1638F NP	metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag	10	..	..	*53.12	36.10	a	Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd	BX
1821W NP	metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags	1	..	..	53.17	36.10	a	DBL Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion	HH

### METRONIDAZOLE

#### **Restricted benefit**

Acute anaerobic sepsis

#### **The Treatment criteria is:**

Must be treated in a hospital.

#### **Note**

Pharmaceutical benefits that have the forms metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag, metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags and metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 5 x 100 mL bags are equivalent for the purposes of substitution.

2298Y DP	metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 5 x 100 mL bags	2	..	..	*53.16	36.10	a	Metronidazole-Claris	AE
5154G DP	metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 1 x 100 mL bag	10	..	..	*53.12	36.10	a	Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd	BX
1832K DP	metronidazole 500 mg/100 mL (0.5%) injection, 10 x 100 mL bags	1	..	..	53.17	36.10	a	DBL Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion	HH