



Australian Government

Department of Health

SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

EFFECTIVE 1 February 2015

PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

These changes to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits are effective from 1 February 2015. The Schedule is updated on the first day of each month and is available on the Internet at 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 2015 and are included, where applicable, in prices published in the Schedule —

Dispensing Fees:	Ready-prepared	\$6.76
	Dangerous drug fee	\$2.71
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$8.80
	Allowable additional patient charge*	\$4.27
Additional Fees (for safety net prices):	Ready-prepared	\$1.15
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$1.50
Patient Co-payments:	General	\$37.70
	Concessional	\$6.10
Safety Net Thresholds:	General	\$1453.90
	Concessional	\$366.00
Safety Net Card Issue Fee:		\$9.47

* 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.

Prescriber Bag

Additions

Addition – Item

10209H **LIGNOCAINE**, lignocaine hydrochloride anhydrous 1% (50 mg/5 mL) injection, 5 x 5 mL ampoules (*Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd*)

General Pharmaceutical Benefits

Additions

Addition – Item

- 10211K **MIFEPRISTONE (&) MISOPROSTOL**, mifepristone 200 mg tablet [1] (&) misoprostol 200 microgram tablet [4], 1 pack (*MS-2 Step*)
 10210J **PNEUMOCOCCAL PURIFIED CAPSULAR POLYSACCHARIDES**, pneumococcal purified capsular polysaccharides 25 microgram/0.5 mL injection, 1 x 0.5 mL syringe (*Pneumovax 23*)

Addition – Brand

- 8179L *Anastrozole FBM, FO* – **ANASTROZOLE**, anastrozole 1 mg tablet, 30
 2729P *Chem mart Baclofen, CH* – **BACLOFEN**, baclofen 10 mg tablet, 100
 2729P *GenRx Baclofen, GX* – **BACLOFEN**, baclofen 10 mg tablet, 100
 2729P *Terry White Chemists Baclofen, TW* – **BACLOFEN**, baclofen 10 mg tablet, 100
 2730Q *Chem mart Baclofen, CH* – **BACLOFEN**, baclofen 25 mg tablet, 100
 2730Q *GenRx Baclofen, GX* – **BACLOFEN**, baclofen 25 mg tablet, 100
 9296G *Clopidogrel/Aspirin Actavis 75/100, GN* – **CLOPIDOGREL + ASPIRIN**, clopidogrel 75 mg + aspirin 100 mg tablet, 30
 8532C *Odaplix SR, AF* – **INDAPAMIDE**, indapamide hemihydrate 1.5 mg tablet: modified release, 90 tablets
 8247C *Irbesartan Actavis 150, UA* – **IRBESARTAN**, irbesartan 150 mg tablet, 30
 8405J *Irbesartan HCT Actavis 300/12.5, UA* – **IRBESARTAN + HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE**, irbesartan 300 mg + hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg tablet, 30
 3064G *Dulose, FM* – **LACTULOSE**, LACTULOSE Mixture 3.34 g per 5 mL, 500 mL, 1
 9331D *Lansoprazole ODT GH, GQ* – **LANSOPRAZOLE**, lansoprazole 15 mg tablet: orally disintegrating, 28 tablets
 9477T *Lansoprazole ODT GH, GQ* – **LANSOPRAZOLE**, lansoprazole 30 mg tablet: orally disintegrating, 28 tablets
 8245Y *Letrozole FBM, FO* – **LETROZOLE**, letrozole 2.5 mg tablet, 30
 1818Q *Methotrexate MYX, YN* – **METHOTREXATE**, METHOTREXATE Injection 50 mg in 2 mL, 1
 1324Q *APO-Metoprolol, TX* – **METOPROLOL TARTRATE**, METOPROLOL TARTRATE Tablet 50 mg, 100
 1325R *APO-Metoprolol, TX* – **METOPROLOL TARTRATE**, METOPROLOL TARTRATE Tablet 100 mg, 60

Deletions

Deletion – Item

- 2095G **TICLOPIDINE**, ticlopidine hydrochloride 250 mg tablet, 60 (*Tilodene*)

Deletion – Brand

- 2360F *Chloramycetin, PF* – **CHLORAMPHENICOL**, chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops, 10 mL
 5055C *Chloramycetin, PF* – **CHLORAMPHENICOL**, chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops, 10 mL (**Dental**)
 5512D *Chloramycetin, PF* – **CHLORAMPHENICOL**, chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops, 10 mL (**Optometrical**)
 2592K *GenRx Isotretinoin, GX* – **ISOTRETINOIN**, isotretinoin 20 mg capsule, 60
 2321E *Medroxyprogesterone Sandoz, SZ* – **MEDROXYPROGESTERONE**, medroxyprogesterone acetate 10 mg tablet, 30
 8887R *Meloxicam Sandoz, SZ* – **MELOXICAM**, meloxicam 7.5 mg capsule, 30
 8888T *Meloxicam Sandoz, SZ* – **MELOXICAM**, meloxicam 15 mg capsule, 30
 2430X *GenRx Metformin, GX* – **METFORMIN**, metformin hydrochloride 500 mg tablet, 100
 1801T *GenRx Metformin, GX* – **METFORMIN**, metformin hydrochloride 850 mg tablet, 60
 8456C *Sequase, PM* – **QUETIAPINE**, quetiapine 25 mg tablet, 60
 8457D *Sequase, PM* – **QUETIAPINE**, quetiapine 100 mg tablet, 90
 8458E *Sequase, PM* – **QUETIAPINE**, quetiapine 200 mg tablet, 60
 8580N *Sequase, PM* – **QUETIAPINE**, quetiapine 300 mg tablet, 60

Advance Notices

1 March 2015

Deletion – Item

- 8849R **ESCITALOPRAM**, escitalopram 10 mg/mL oral liquid, 28 mL

Deletion – Brand

- 5006L **AMOXYCILLIN + CLAVULANIC ACID**, amoxicillin 875 mg + clavulanic acid 125 mg tablet, 10 (*GenRx Amoxicillin and Clavulanic Acid*)
 8254K **AMOXYCILLIN + CLAVULANIC ACID**, amoxicillin 875 mg + clavulanic acid 125 mg tablet, 10 (*GenRx Amoxicillin and Clavulanic Acid*)
 2964B **CEPHALOTHIN**, cephalothin 1 g injection, 10 x 1 g vials, (*Cefalotin Sandoz*)
 3376Q **CEPHALOTHIN**, cephalothin 1 g injection, 10 x 1 g vials, (*Cefalotin Sandoz*)
 1245M **LEVODOPA + CARBIDOPA ANHYDROUS**, levodopa 250 mg + carbidopa anhydrous 25 mg tablet, 100, (*Levo/Carbidopa Sandoz*)
 2681D **POLYVINYL ALCOHOL**, polyvinyl alcohol 3% eye drops, 15 mL, (*PVA Forte*)
 5525T **POLYVINYL ALCOHOL**, polyvinyl alcohol 3% eye drops, 15 mL, (*PVA Forte*)
 9222J **POLYVINYL ALCOHOL**, polyvinyl alcohol 3% eye drops, 15 mL, (*PVA Forte*)

1 April 2015**Deletion – Item**

2710P **MIFEPRISTONE**, mifepristone 200 mg tablet, 1
2672P **MISOPROSTOL**, misoprostol 200 microgram tablet, 4

1 May 2015**Deletion – Item**

2995P **SALCATONIN**, calcitonin 50 international units/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules
9004X **TESTOSTERONE UNDECANOATE**, testosterone undecanoate 1 g/4 mL injection, 1 x 4 mL ampoule

Summary of Changes - Palliative Care

Additions

Addition – Brand

5387M *Dulose, FM* – **LACTULOSE**, LACTULOSE Mixture 3.34 g per 5 mL, 500 mL, 1
5388N *Dulose, FM* – **LACTULOSE**, LACTULOSE Mixture 3.34 g per 5 mL, 500 mL, 1

Deletions

Deletion – Item

5333Q **CARMELLOSE SODIUM**, carmellose sodium 10 mg/mL oral spray, 25 mL (*Aquae*)
5335T **CARMELLOSE SODIUM**, carmellose sodium 10 mg/mL oral spray, 25 mL (*Aquae*)
5334R **CARMELLOSE SODIUM**, carmellose sodium 10 mg/mL oral spray, 100 mL (*Aquae*)
5336W **CARMELLOSE SODIUM**, carmellose sodium 10 mg/mL oral spray, 100 mL (*Aquae*)
5421H **HYPROMELLOSE**, HYPROMELLOSE Oral gel 20 mg per g, 100 g, 1 (*Aquae Gel*)
5422J **HYPROMELLOSE**, HYPROMELLOSE Oral gel 20 mg per g, 100 g, 1 (*Aquae Gel*)

Highly Specialised Drugs Program (Public Hospital)

Deletions

Deletion – Item

5620T **CIDOFOVIR**, cidofovir 375 mg/5 mL injection, 1 x 5 mL vial (*Vistide*)

Highly Specialised Drugs Program (Private Hospital)

Deletions

Deletion – Item

6247T **CIDOFOVIR**, cidofovir 375 mg/5 mL injection, 1 x 5 mL vial (*Vistide*)

Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits

Additions

Addition – Brand

- 4307Q *Sunsense Sensitive SPF 50+, EO* – **SUNSCREENS**, SUNSCREENS Cream 75 g, 1
 4546G *Sunsense Ultra SPF 50+, EO* – **SUNSCREENS**, SUNSCREENS Lotion (non-alcoholic) 125 mL, 1

Deletions

Deletion – Item

- 4568K **CARMELLOSE SODIUM**, carmellose sodium 10 mg/mL oral spray, 25 mL (*Aquae*)
 4569L **CARMELLOSE SODIUM**, carmellose sodium 10 mg/mL oral spray, 100 mL (*Aquae*)

Deletion – Brand

- 4307Q *Sunsense Sensitive SPF 30+, EO* – **SUNSCREENS**, SUNSCREENS Cream 75 g, 1
 4546G *Hamilton Sunscreen Family Sunscreen Milk SPF 15, KY* – **SUNSCREENS**, SUNSCREENS Lotion (non-alcoholic) 125 mL, 1
 4546G *SunSense Ultra SPF 30+, EO* – **SUNSCREENS**, SUNSCREENS Lotion (non-alcoholic) 125 mL, 1

Alterations

Alteration – Manufacturer Code

		<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
4328T	<i>Colofac</i> – MEBEVERINE , mebeverine hydrochloride 135 mg tablet, 90	AB	GO
4396J	<i>Hytrin</i> – TERAZOSIN , terazosin 1 mg tablet [7 tablets] (&) terazosin 2 mg tablet [7 tablets], 14	AB	GO
4397K	<i>Hytrin</i> – TERAZOSIN , terazosin 2 mg tablet, 28	AB	GO
4398L	<i>Hytrin</i> – TERAZOSIN , terazosin 5 mg tablet, 28	AB	GO
4399M	<i>Hytrin</i> – TERAZOSIN , terazosin 10 mg tablet, 28	AB	GO

PRESCRIBER BAG

Code	Name, Restriction, Manner of Administration and Form	Max. Qty (Packs)	Dispensed Price for Max. Qty \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	PF
10209H NP	LIGNOCAINE lignocaine hydrochloride anhydrous 1% (50 mg/5 mL) injection, 5 x 5 mL ampoules	1	37.67	Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd	PF

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 \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
MIFEPRISTONE (&) MISOPROSTOL								
<u>Authority required</u>								
Termination of an intra-uterine pregnancy								
Clinical criteria:								
The condition must be an intra-uterine pregnancy of up to 63 days of gestation.								
Treatment criteria:								
Must be treated by a prescriber who is registered with the MS 2 Step Prescribing Program.								
<u>Note</u>								
No increase in the maximum quantity or number of units may be authorised.								
<u>Note</u>								
No increase in the maximum number of repeats may be authorised.								
10211K	mifepristone 200 mg tablet [1] (&) misoprostol 200 microgram tablet [4], 1 pack	#1	321.38	37.70	MS-2 Step	XH
PNEUMOCOCCAL PURIFIED CAPSULAR POLYSACCHARIDES								
<u>Restricted benefit</u>								
Splenuctomised persons over 2 years of age								
<u>Restricted benefit</u>								
Persons with Hodgkin's disease								
<u>Restricted benefit</u>								
Persons at high risk of pneumococcal infections								
10210J NP	pneumococcal purified capsular polysaccharides 25 microgram/0.5 mL injection, 1 x 0.5 mL syringe	1	47.96	37.70	Pneumovax 23	CS