

PBS XML Release Notes

Effective date: 1st July 2015

Release 3

PBS XML Schema version: 2.10

Changes from version 2

1. This release includes a change to the EFC preparation fee. In the Release 2 PBS XML the fee was \$42.67. In this version it is \$82.67. This affects all items in the IN, IP, TY and TZ programs.

Changes from version 1

1. This release reverts program level changes to the Botulinum Toxin program, which are not going ahead for 1 July 2015. This includes:
 - a. Reverting the program definition to operate under the direct supply pricing model.
 - b. Reverting the maximum quantity for each of these listings to 1.
 - c. Reverting the restriction level for each of these listings back to "restricted" (from streamlined authority required).
2. This release includes some changes to restrictions for items in the Botulinum Toxin program beyond the restriction level change. For items 6103F and 10253P ("botulinum toxin type A 100 units injection, 1 x 100 units vial" and "incobotulinumtoxinA 100 mouse LD50 units injection, 1 x 100 mouse LD50 units vial"), restriction code 4992 has been replaced with 5063. This change adds a population criteria which states "Patient must be aged 18 years or older."
3. This release includes a restriction change to item 10011X (dapagliflozin 10 mg tablet, 28). Restriction code 5002 has been replaced with 5062, which adds administrative advice for continuing therapy by a nurse practitioner.
4. This release includes a restriction change to items 10280C and 10278Y ("peginterferon alfa-2a 135 microgram/0.5 mL injection, 4 x 0.5 mL syringes" and "peginterferon alfa-2a 180 microgram/0.5 mL injection, 4 x 0.5 mL syringes"). Restriction code 5020, which is used as the streamlined authority code, has been replaced with 5067. This change amends the parameter "The treatment must be limited to a maximum duration of 48 weeks" to read "The treatment must be limited to 1 course of treatment for a maximum duration of 48 weeks".

Program level changes

1. The Community Access program has been created. This uses existing dispensing rules for Private Hospital S100 and Public Hospital S100 and a new dispensing rule for Community Access.

2. The IVF/GIFT Treatment program no longer operates under the direct supply pricing model. This program now uses the general pricing model and uses existing dispensing rules for Private Hospital S100 and Public Hospital S100 and the new dispensing rule for Community Access

PBS Access and Sustainability changes

Some changes related to the PBS Access and Sustainability (6CPA) package with an effective date of 1 July 2015 have been included into the PBS XML data. This is in anticipation of the Legislative package enabling these changes receiving Royal Assent prior to 1 July 2015. If this does not occur, an alternate version of the 1 July 2015 PBS XML will be distributed.

The changes which are included in this release of the 1 July 2015 PBS XML and what would occur if the Legislative package does not commence on 1 July 2015 is outlined below.

1. The eligibility rules for the Premium Free Dispensing Incentive (PFDI) have changed. To support this change, a number of changes have been made to brand substitution group membership as per the proposal from the August 2014 software vendor forum. If this package does not commence on 1 July 2015, PFDI eligibility will change regardless. More information on PFDI eligibility changes can be found at: <http://dev.pbs.gov.au/content/embargo/2015-07-01/pharmacy-remuneration-fact-sheets-09-06-2015.pdf>
2. The Chemotherapy Preparation Fee has been amended to coincide with the introduction of an alternative mechanism to subsidise chemotherapy compounders. If this change does not commence on 1 July 2015, this fee will still be amended regardless. More information on the chemotherapy changes can be found at: <http://dev.pbs.gov.au/content/embargo/2015-07-01/pharmacy-remuneration-fact-sheets-09-06-2015.pdf>
3. The values of the Ready Prepared Dispensing Fee, the Dangerous Drug fee, the PFDI and a number of other fees have been set in the Legislative package and included into the PBS XML accordingly. If this package does not commence on 1 July 2015, these fees will each be unchanged from their 1 June 2015 values.
4. The Administration, Handling and Administration (AHI) fee which would apply instead of the retail mark-up for the Community Pharmacy dispensing rule has only partially been included. If this package does not commence on 1 July 2015, the current 6 tier mark-up model would continue to apply for Community Pharmacies. More information on the implementation of AHI and the associated claiming processes can be found at: <http://dev.pbs.gov.au/content/embargo/2015-07-01/ahi-fact-sheet-09-06-2015.pdf>

Known Issues

1. Some changes to Maximum Patient Charge amounts may not be the subject of a `pbs:alteration` element.