

SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 2015

ERRATA

- (1) This Erratum corrects the entry for **Olanzapine** in the 1 August 2015 Schedule.

The following Note should appear in the Schedule entry for all Olanzapine items. The Note was omitted for items 1024X, 1037N, 1041T, 1042W, 3381Y, 3382B, 3384D, and 3385E.

Note

Shared Care Model:

For prescribing by nurse practitioners where care of a patient is shared between a nurse practitioner and medical practitioner in a formalised arrangement with an agreed management plan. Further information can be found in the Explanatory Notes for Nurse Practitioners.

- (2) This Erratum corrects the entry for **Tocilizumab** in the 1 August 2015 Schedule.

The Notes with the heading “TREATMENT OF ADULT PATIENTS WITH SEVERE ACTIVE RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS” and with the subheadings:

- (1) How to prescribe PBS-subsidised bDMARD therapy after 1 August 2010.
- (2) Swapping therapy.
- (3) Baseline measurements to determine response.

- (3) This note gives information regarding the interim arrangements for the **Administration, Handling and Infrastructure (AHI) fee** in the 1 August 2015 Schedule.

The Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, and associated legal determinations, provide for a new three tier Administration, Handling and Infrastructure (AHI) fee, which replaces the previous 6 tier pharmacy mark-up (it does not replace other mark-ups like the s100 Highly Specialised Drugs 4 tier mark-up).

The Department of Health is working with the Department of Human Services (DHS) on the implementation arrangements for the new AHI fee structure. It is expected that DHS will be able to automatically process the flat fee components of the three tier AHI fee. However, the variable component of the middle tier (Tier 2) is not expected to be automated until 1 July 2016. Arrangements are being finalised with DHS for manual adjustment for the AHI fee and further information about those arrangements will be provided later.

The prices displayed in the 1 August 2015 PDF Schedule, XML and TXT Extracts reflect the interim reimbursement arrangements and do not include the 3.5% variable component of the AHI fee for Item Codes where the Tier 2 AHI applies.

The spreadsheet **PBS Schedule August 2015 Adjusted Tier 2 Pricing.xlsx** displays the complete prices for items where the Tier 2 AHI applies, including the 3.5% variable component. The file only includes items where the Tier 2 AHI applies (those with a Price to Pharmacist (Max Qty) from \$180 to \$2089.71). The spreadsheet can be found in the PDF version of the 1 August 2015 Schedule or from: <http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/industry/pricing/adjusted-tier-2-pricing>.