

# PBS XML Release Notes

## 1 April 2021 Release 2

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V3 PBS XML Schema version	3.1
V2 PBS XML Schema version	2.13
Down-convert version	2021-01-25-01

### New for Release 2 – Text Extracts Only

#### Text Extracts

The following files in the effective set of text extracts have been updated to remove items and brands that are in supply-only mode:

- Pharmacy-Item-Table
- Prescriber-Type
- Continued-Dispensing
- Medication-Chart-Electronic
- Medication-Chart-Hospital
- SN20DR
- Streamlined
- Link-Extract
- AMT
- PFDI

### New For Release 1

#### **New Supply Only report**

Loaded with the April data is a new Supply Only report. The list shows all product listings in Supply Only for April with their end dates.

### **Adalimumab listings - CAR Flags & Supply Only**

#### CAR flags

CAR is legislated at the drug level (not at the item code level) so once a drug has been classified as CAR in the HSD legislation, all HSD item codes for that drug are considered to be CAR. The PBS XML only flags item codes as CAR when they have a Written Authority restriction on them. The Services Australia CAR Items file will cover all for complete information in this regard.

#### Supply Only

It was necessary to list the 2-packs of Humira against the item codes with maximum quantities of 4 and 6 in order to achieve consistency of dispensed pricing with the biosimilar brands that were listing 2-packs against those max quantity. This had to be done for the old (now supply only) formulation as well as the new citrate-free formulation. While the old formulation of Humira can no longer be prescribed, it is substitutable at the dispensing level with the biosimilar brands (except where the biosimilars are streamlined), across all pack sizes, so it is still conceivable that 2-packs of Humira may be dispensed for max quantity of 4 and 6 under the new item codes, in spite of their supply only status.

## Effectivity

Prescribing rules and product listings that are in supply-only mode now include more detailed effectivity information, i.e. they include both an *effective* and *supply-only* element. This gives the history of when the prescribing rule or product listing most recently became effective and when it went into supply-only mode.

## **Known Issues in V3 PBS XML**

1. A change to a treatment-phase may not result in a change to the corresponding *rw:circumstance* element.
2. The unit of measure of the content element of an MPUU that is associated with an infusible listing is inconsistent with the unit of measure used for the infusible prescribing rule.
3. Some removed drug concepts in the previous list do not contain a non-effective date