

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Listings

1 May 2026

Please find below information relating to new and amended Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listings implemented on **1 May 2026**.

This information relates to the administration of these listings by Services Australia. For further information on broader PBS changes, please visit the PBS website. Relevant information and authority application forms have been updated and can be accessed through the Services Australia website.

Metastatic colorectal cancer

Fruquintinib (1 mg capsule; 5 mg capsule) (Fruzaqla®) is now listed on the PBS for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer. Prescriptions for initial and continuing treatments are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

Severe primary axillary hyperhidrosis

Glycopyrronium (Glycopyrronium bromide 1% cream, 50 g) (Axhidrox®) is now listed on the PBS for the treatment of severe primary axillary hyperhidrosis. Prescriptions for treatment are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

Bipolar disorder

Lamotrigine (5 mg; 25 mg; 50 mg; 100 mg; 200 mg tablet) (Lamictal®; Lamotrigine GH®; Sandoz Lamotrigine®) for the treatment of bipolar disorder is now listed on the PBS as a restricted benefit.

Chronic stable plaque type psoriasis vulgaris

Calcipotriol + betamethasone dipropionate (calcipotriol 0.005% + betamethasone (as dipropionate)) 0.05% gel, 60 g (Actobet 50/500®) for the treatment of chronic stable plaque type psoriasis vulgaris is now listed on the PBS as a restricted benefit.

Asthma; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Salbutamol (5 mg/2.5 mL inhalation solution, 20 x 2.5 mL ampoules) (Salbutamol (as sulfate) (Accord, UK®)) for the treatment of asthma and COPD is now listed on the PBS for the current supply shortage under Section 19A. It is listed as a restricted benefit.

Chronic heart failure

Dapagliflozin (10 mg tablet) (Forxiga®) is now available for 60-day prescriptions on the PBS for the treatment of chronic heart failure. Prescriptions for treatment are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

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Hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis

Vutrisiran (25 mg/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe) (Amvuttra®) no longer has a listing for Grandfather arrangements.

Relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)

Epcoritamab (48 mg/0.8 mL injection, 0.8 mL vial) (Epkilyn®) no longer has a listing for Grandfather arrangements. There is a supply only arrangement in place for 12 months.

Treatment resistant major depression

Esketamine (28 mg/2 actuations nasal spray, 2 x 2 actuations; 28 mg/2 actuations nasal spray, 2 actuations; 28 mg/2 actuations nasal spray, 3 x 2 actuations) (Spravato®) no longer has a listing for Grandfather arrangements.

Deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolism

Apixaban (5 mg tablet, 28) (Eliquis®) for the initial treatment of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism has been delisted. Apixaban (5 mg tablet, 60) (Eliquis®) for the treatment of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism remains listed on the PBS. Prescriptions for treatment are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Integrated clinical and prescribing software

Several clinical and prescribing software developers now have products available for use to request PBS authority approval directly from your clinical and prescribing software. This means you can request PBS authority approval as part of generating the authority prescription rather than calling, applying in writing or self-serving through the PBS Authorities tile in HPOS. For more information, speak with your software provider.



Submitting Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Written Applications through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) form upload

When submitting PBS authority forms through HPOS form upload, it is important to select the correct Form Category. For PBS patients, select PBS Authorities. For DVA patients, select RPBS Authorities. Remember that only yourself or your delegate/s are authorised to upload PBS and RPBS Authority applications.

Make sure you've:

- linked your prescriber number to your Provider Digital Access (PRODA) account for HPOS; and
- Set up your delegations in HPOS.

Visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS for more information on how to Link your Health Identifiers to HPOS and Manage delegations.



PBS Authorities items criteria

Under the PBS, medicines are made available based on recommendations from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC). Patients must meet the set criteria to be eligible for PBS subsidised medicines. Services Australia are unable to provide approval for an Authority Required medication where a patient does not meet the criteria established by PBAC.

If you have concerns or questions about the eligibility criteria set by the PBAC, you can contact the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing by email at pbs@health.gov.au.

REMINDERS



PBS Authorities – written authority application forms

To align with PBS listing changes, forms are updated on the first of the month. Using the most recent form will help avoid delays in obtaining authority approval. Search the Services Australia website to access the most recent forms.



Correct PBS item code

When prescribing PBS medicines via the Online PBS Authorities system, ensure you have selected the correct medicine to match what is on the prescription. This will avoid delays with providing patients with the medication they require.



Ensuring you are providing accurate data

It's important to ensure you are providing accurate and up to date information when completing an authority application. Failure to do so may result in your authority request being rejected.



For more information about the Online PBS Authorities system visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

Services Australia has a broad range of educational resources on the Health Professional Education Resources website. This includes simulations, podcast and an infographic on the Online PBS Authorities system. Visit <https://hpe.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pharmaceutical-benefits-scheme.html>

Visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpwrittenauthoritydrugs on the Services Australia website to find the most up to date authority application form for each drug, program or condition.