

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Listings

1 June 2026

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

Precursor B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (Pre-B-cell ALL)

Blinatumomab (38.5 microgram injection [1 vial] (& inert substance solution [10 mL vial], 1 pack) (Blinicyto®) has had a change to the restriction for the treatment of Pre-B-cell ALL. Authority applications for initial treatment can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or in writing. Authority applications for continuing treatments can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or by telephone.

Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL)

Acalabrutinib (100 mg tablet) (CALQUENCE®) is now listed on the PBS for the first-line treatment of CLL or SLL in combination with venetoclax. Authority applications for initial, continuing and grandfather treatments can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or by telephone.

Acute allergic reaction with anaphylaxis

Adrenaline (epinephrine) (150 microgram/0.15 mL injection, 0.15 mL pen device) (Jext® Jnr); (300 microgram/0.3 mL injection, 0.3 mL pen device) (Jext®) is now listed on the PBS for the treatment of acute allergic reaction with anaphylaxis. Authority applications for initial and continuing treatments can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or by telephone.

Chronic migraine

Galcanezumab (120 mg/mL injection, 1 mL pen device) (Emgality®) has had an amendment to the restrictions on the PBS for the treatment of chronic migraine. Prescriptions for initial and continuing treatments are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

Severe primary axillary hyperhidrosis

Glycopyrronium (2.2 mg/actuation cream, 124 actuations) (Axidrox®) for the treatment of severe primary axillary hyperhidrosis has had a change to the description from glycopyrronium bromide 1% cream, 50 g. Prescriptions for treatment are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

Hydroxychloroquine sulfate (200 mg tablet) (APO- Hydroxychloroquine®; Hequinel® Hydroxychloroquine GH®; Plaquenil®) has had an amendment to the PBS listing to provide a maximum number of 3 repeats per prescription. It is listed as an Unrestricted Benefit.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) against human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection

TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL + EMTRICITABINE (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg + emtricitabine 200 mg tablet) (CIPLA TENOFOVIR + EMTRICITABINE 300/200®; TENOFOVIR/EMTRICITABINE 300/200 APX®; TENOFOVIR/EMTRICITABINE 300/200 ARX®; Tenofovir/Emtricitabine Sandoz Pharma 300/200®); (tenofovir disoproxil succinate 301 mg + emtricitabine 200 mg tablet) (Tenofovir/Emtricitabine Sandoz 301/200®); (tenofovir disoproxil maleate 300 mg + emtricitabine 200 mg tablet) (Tenofovir Disoproxil Emtricitabine Viatris 300/200®) for the treatment of PrEP against HIV infection has had an amendment to the PBS listing to provide a maximum number of 5 repeats per prescription. It is listed as a Restricted Benefit.

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.