

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Listings

1 February 2026

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

Diabetic macular oedema (DMO); subfoveal choroidal neovascularisation (CNV); branch retinal vein occlusion with macular oedema; central retinal vein occlusion with macular oedema

Aflibercept (2 mg /0.05 mL injection, 0.05 mL syringe) (Afqilir®) is a new biosimilar now listed on the PBS for the treatment of DMO, CNV, branch retinal vein occlusion with macular oedema and central retinal vein occlusion with macular oedema. Authority applications for initial treatment of CNV and branch or central retinal vein occlusion with macular oedema can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or in writing. Authority applications for initial treatment of DMO can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or by telephone. Prescriptions for continuing treatments are Authority required (STREAMLINED).

Cystic fibrosis

Vanzacaftor + tezacaftor + deutivacaftor (vanzacaftor 4 mg + tezacaftor 20 mg + deutivacaftor 50 mg tablet, 84; vanzacaftor 10 mg + tezacaftor 50 mg + deutivacaftor 125 mg tablet, 56) (Alyftrek®) is now listed on the PBS for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. Authority applications for initial and continuing treatments can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or in writing.

Castration resistant metastatic carcinoma of the prostate

Abiraterone & prednisolone (abiraterone acetate 500 mg tablet [56] & prednisolone 5 mg tablet [56], 112) (ANDRIGA-10®) is now listed on the PBS for the treatment of castration resistant metastatic carcinoma of the prostate. Authority applications for treatment can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or by telephone.

Chronic kidney disease

Dapagliflozin (10 mg tablet) (Forxiga®) has had a change to the restrictions. Prescriptions for treatment are Authority required (STREAMLINED).

Chronic stable plaque type psoriasis vulgaris

Calcipotriol + betamethasone (calcipotriol 0.005% + betamethasone (as dipropionate) 0.05% cream, 60 g) (Wynzora 50/500®) is now listed on the PBS as a restricted benefit.

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Hypercholesterolaemia

Fluvastatin (80 mg modified release tablet, 28) (Lescol XL®) has been delisted with a supply only period of 3 months.

Diabetes mellitus type 2

Saxagliptin + dapagliflozin (saxagliptin 5 mg + dapagliflozin 10 mg tablet, 28) (Qtern 5/10®) has been delisted with a supply only period of 5 months.

SARS-CoV-2 infection

Nirmatrelvir & ritonavir (nirmatrelvir 150 mg tablet [4] (&) ritonavir 100 mg tablet [2], 5 x 6) (Paxlovid®) and molnupiravir (200 mg capsule, 40) (Lagevrio®) has been delisted from the prescriber bag schedule.

Both items remain listed on the PBS general schedule. 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.