

DRUG TYPE OR USE	PURPOSE	PBAC OUTCOME
Safety Net 20 Day Rule	<p>The Minister (delegate) requested the PBAC provide advice on the following matter(s) under section 101(3) of <i>the National Health Act, 1953</i> (the Act).</p> <p>To consider the current application of the Safety Net 20 Day Rule (SN20DR), and to advise on whether the current criteria for the Rules remain relevant and whether any additional drugs should be subject to the SN20DR.</p>	<p>The PBAC advised that in future the Committee's default position would be to apply the SN20DR to PBS listings, except where there was an appropriate reason to exempt them.</p> <p>The PBAC considered that dosage variability, in and of itself, should not automatically exclude a drug from the SN20DR. The PBAC considered that where the PBS listed quantity is sufficient for approximately one month's treatment despite a variable dosing regimen, the listing should not be exempted from the SN20DR unless there are other reasons to support the exemption.</p> <p>The PBAC recommended that Palliative Care Schedule listings and Dental Schedule should continue to be exempted from the SN20DR. The PBAC noted that some Section 100 Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) listings may continue to be appropriately exempted from the SN20DR, but considered that HSD listing in and of itself would not constitute reason for exemption.</p> <p>The PBAC requested that the Department develop a list of current PBS listed medicines to which the SN20DR could be applied, for the Committee's consideration at a future meeting.</p>