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**Department of Health and Ageing**

# **SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS**

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

**EFFECTIVE 1 September 2012**

## PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

These changes to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits are effective from 1 September 2012. The Schedule is updated on the first day of each month and is available on the Internet at [www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au).

### Fees, Patient Contributions and Safety Net Thresholds

The following fees, patient contributions and safety net thresholds apply as at 1 September 2012 and are included, where applicable, in prices published in the Schedule —

Dispensing Fees:	Ready-prepared	\$6.52
	Dangerous drug fee	\$2.71
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$8.56
	Allowable additional patient charge*	\$4.04
Additional Fees (for safety net prices):	Ready-prepared	\$1.11
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$1.45
Patient Co-payments:	General	\$35.40
	Concessional	\$5.80
Safety Net Thresholds:	General	\$1363.30
	Concessional	\$348.00
Safety Net Card Issue Fee:		\$8.88

\*The allowable additional patient charge is a discretionary charge to general patients if a pharmaceutical item has a dispensed price for maximum quantity less than the general patient co-payment. The pharmacist may charge general patients the allowable additional fee but the fee cannot take the cost of the prescription above the general patient co-payment for the medicine. This fee does not count towards the Safety Net threshold.

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

### Additions

#### Addition – Brand

1884E	<i>Amoxycillin-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Amoxycillin</b> , Capsule 250 mg
3301R	<i>Amoxycillin-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Amoxycillin</b> , Capsule 250 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
1889K	<i>Amoxycillin-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Amoxycillin</b> , Capsule 500 mg
3300Q	<i>Amoxycillin-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Amoxycillin</b> , Capsule 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
2687K	<i>Azathioprine-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Azathioprine</b> , Tablet 50 mg
9058R	<i>Ceftriaxone-AFT, AE</i> – <b>Ceftriaxone</b> , Powder for injection 500 mg
1783W	<i>Ceftriaxone-AFT, AE</i> – <b>Ceftriaxone</b> , Powder for injection 500 mg
8318T	<i>Clarithromycin-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Clarithromycin</b> , Tablet 250 mg
8658Q	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ</i> – <b>Cyclosporin</b> , Capsule 25 mg
8659R	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ</i> – <b>Cyclosporin</b> , Capsule 50 mg
8660T	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ</i> – <b>Cyclosporin</b> , Capsule 100 mg
1269T	<i>Cyprocur 50, QA</i> – <b>Cyproterone Acetate</b> , Tablet 50 mg
1270W	<i>Cyprocur 50, QA</i> – <b>Cyproterone Acetate</b> , Tablet 50 mg
2487X	<i>Famotidine-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Famotidine</b> , Tablet 20 mg
2488Y	<i>Famotidine-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Famotidine</b> , Tablet 40 mg
1474N	<i>Fluconazole Alphapharm, AF</i> – <b>Fluconazole</b> , Solution for I.V. infusion 200 mg in 100 mL
1757L	<i>Fluconazole Alphapharm, AF</i> – <b>Fluconazole</b> , Solution for I.V. infusion 400 mg in 200 mL
1558B	<i>Isosorbide-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Isosorbide Mononitrate</b> , Tablet 60 mg (sustained release)
5264C	<i>Methylprednisolone Alphapharm, AF</i> – <b>Methylprednisolone</b> , Powder for injection 1 g (as sodium succinate)
8007K	<i>STADA Pantoprazole, TD</i> – <b>Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate</b> , Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent to 40 mg pantoprazole
8008L	<i>STADA Pantoprazole, TD</i> – <b>Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate</b> , Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent to 40 mg pantoprazole
8694N	<i>Prioten 15, DO</i> – <b>Pioglitazone</b> , Tablet 15 mg (as hydrochloride)
8695P	<i>Prioten 30, DO</i> – <b>Pioglitazone</b> , Tablet 30 mg (as hydrochloride)
8696Q	<i>Prioten 45, DO</i> – <b>Pioglitazone</b> , Tablet 45 mg (as hydrochloride)
8787L	<i>Risperidone GH, GQ</i> – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 0.5 mg
8869T	<i>Risperidone GH, GQ</i> – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 0.5 mg
1849H	<i>Sumatriptan-PS, FZ</i> – <b>Sumatriptan</b> , Tablet 50 mg (as succinate)

#### Addition – Equivalence Indicator

9058R	<i>Ceftriaxone ICP, PP</i> – <b>Ceftriaxone</b> , Powder for injection 500 mg
1783W	<i>Ceftriaxone ICP, PP</i> – <b>Ceftriaxone</b> , Powder for injection 500 mg
1757L	<i>Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd, BX</i> – <b>Fluconazole</b> , Solution for I.V. infusion 400 mg in 200 mL

### Deletions

#### Deletion – Item

9163G	<b>Calcipotriol</b> , Scalp solution 50 micrograms per mL (0.005%), 30 mL ( <i>Daivonex</i> )
1323P	<b>Dihydroergotamine Mesylate</b> , Injection 1 mg in 1 mL ( <i>Dihydergot</i> )
3460D	<b>Dihydroergotamine Mesylate</b> , Injection 1 mg in 1 mL ( <i>Dihydergot</i> ) ( <b>Emergency Drug Supply</b> )

2920Q	<b>Disodium Etidronate</b> , Tablet 200 mg ( <i>Didronel</i> )
8056B	<b>Disodium Etidronate and Calcium Carbonate</b> , Pack containing 28 tablets disodium etidronate 200 mg and 76 tablets calcium carbonate 1.25 g (equivalent to 500 mg calcium) ( <i>Didrocal</i> )
9193W	<b>Glucose Indicator—blood</b> , Test strips, 25 ( <i>On-Call Plus</i> )
9256E	<b>Glucose Indicator—blood</b> , Test strips, 25 ( <i>On-Call Plus</i> )
2026P	<b>Sodium Chloride</b> , Injection 9 mg per mL (0.9%), 10 mL ( <i>Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd</i> )
5211G	<b>Sodium Chloride</b> , Injection 9 mg per mL (0.9%), 10 mL ( <i>Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd</i> ) ( <b>Dental</b> )
1253Y	<b>Verapamil Hydrochloride</b> , Tablet 160 mg ( <i>Isoptin</i> )

### Deletion – Brand

8220P	<i>A-Citalopram</i> , TA – <b>Citalopram Hydrobromide</b> , Tablet 20 mg (base)
8358X	<i>Pharmacor Clopidogrel 75</i> , CR – <b>Clopidogrel</b> , Tablet 75 mg (as hydrogen sulfate)
8658Q	<i>Cicloral</i> , SZ – <b>Cyclosporin</b> , Capsule 25 mg
8659R	<i>Cicloral</i> , SZ – <b>Cyclosporin</b> , Capsule 50 mg
8660T	<i>Cicloral</i> , SZ – <b>Cyclosporin</b> , Capsule 100 mg
8121K	<i>Dicloxsig</i> , QA – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 250 mg
5096F	<i>Dicloxsig</i> , QA – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 250 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8122L	<i>Dicloxsig</i> , QA – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 500 mg
5097G	<i>Dicloxsig</i> , QA – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
1312C	<i>Diltahexal CD</i> , HX – <b>Diltiazem Hydrochloride</b> , Capsule 180 mg (controlled delivery)
8331L	<i>Omeprazole Ranbaxy</i> , RA – <b>Omeprazole</b> , Tablet 20 mg
8333N	<i>Omeprazole Ranbaxy</i> , RA – <b>Omeprazole</b> , Tablet 20 mg
1746X	<i>Chem mart Paracetamol</i> , XS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg
5196L	<i>Chem mart Paracetamol</i> , XS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8784H	<i>Chem mart Paracetamol</i> , XS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg
5224Y	<i>Chem mart Paracetamol</i> , XS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
1746X	<i>Pharmacy Choice Paracetamol</i> , YM – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg
5196L	<i>Pharmacy Choice Paracetamol</i> , YM – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8784H	<i>Pharmacy Choice Paracetamol</i> , YM – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg
5224Y	<i>Pharmacy Choice Paracetamol</i> , YM – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
1746X	<i>Terry White Chemists Paracetamol</i> , YS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg
5196L	<i>Terry White Chemists Paracetamol</i> , YS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8784H	<i>Terry White Chemists Paracetamol</i> , YS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg
5224Y	<i>Terry White Chemists Paracetamol</i> , YS – <b>Paracetamol</b> , Tablet 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8787L	<i>Risperidone Actavis 0.5</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 0.5 mg
8869T	<i>Risperidone Actavis 0.5</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 0.5 mg
3169T	<i>Risperidone Actavis 1</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 1 mg
8789N	<i>Risperidone Actavis 1</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 1 mg
3170W	<i>Risperidone Actavis 2</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 2 mg
9079W	<i>Risperidone Actavis 2</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 2 mg
3171X	<i>Risperidone Actavis 3</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 3 mg
3172Y	<i>Risperidone Actavis 4</i> , TA – <b>Risperidone</b> , Tablet 4 mg
2013Y	<i>Simvahexal</i> , HX – <b>Simvastatin</b> , Tablet 5 mg
9241J	<i>Simvahexal</i> , HX – <b>Simvastatin</b> , Tablet 5 mg

2011W	<i>Simvahexal, HX</i> – <b>Simvastatin</b> , Tablet 10 mg
9242K	<i>Simvahexal, HX</i> – <b>Simvastatin</b> , Tablet 10 mg
2012X	<i>Simvahexal, HX</i> – <b>Simvastatin</b> , Tablet 20 mg
9243L	<i>Simvahexal, HX</i> – <b>Simvastatin</b> , Tablet 20 mg
1278G	<i>Timoptol, FR</i> – <b>Timolol Maleate</b> , Eye drops 2.5 mg (base) per mL (0.25%), 5 mL
5547Y	<i>Timoptol, FR</i> – <b>Timolol Maleate</b> , Eye drops 2.5 mg (base) per mL (0.25%), 5 mL ( <b>Optometrical</b> )
8134D	<i>Valaciclovir Actavis 500, TA</i> – <b>Valaciclovir</b> , Tablet 500 mg (as hydrochloride)
5480K	<i>Valaciclovir Actavis 500, TA</i> – <b>Valaciclovir</b> , Tablet 500 mg (as hydrochloride)
8064K	<i>Valaciclovir Actavis 500, TA</i> – <b>Valaciclovir</b> , Tablet 500 mg (as hydrochloride)

### Deletion – Equivalence Indicator

5096F	<i>Distaph 250, AF</i> – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 250 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8121K	<i>Distaph 250, AF</i> – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 250 mg
5097G	<i>Distaph 500, AF</i> – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 500 mg ( <b>Dental</b> )
8122L	<i>Distaph 500, AF</i> – <b>Dicloxacillin</b> , Capsule 500 mg
1278G	<i>Tenopt, QA</i> – <b>Timolol Maleate</b> , Eye drops 2.5 mg (base) per mL (0.25%), 5 mL
5547Y	<i>Tenopt, QA</i> – <b>Timolol Maleate</b> , Eye drops 2.5 mg (base) per mL (0.25%), 5 mL ( <b>Optometrical</b> )

## Alterations

### Alteration – Item Description

From:

8315P **Cefepime**, Powder for injection 1 g (as hydrochloride) (solvent required) (*Omegapharm Pty Ltd, DBL Cefepime, Cefepime Sandoz*)

To:

8315P **Cefepime**, Powder for injection 1 g (as hydrochloride) (*Omegapharm Pty Ltd, DBL Cefepime, Cefepime Sandoz*)

From:

8316Q **Cefepime**, Powder for injection 2 g (as hydrochloride) (solvent required) (*Maxipime, Omegapharm Pty Ltd, DBL Cefepime, Cefepime Sandoz*)

To:

8316Q **Cefepime**, Powder for injection 2 g (as hydrochloride) (*Maxipime, Omegapharm Pty Ltd, DBL Cefepime, Cefepime Sandoz*)

From:

2179Q **Ticarcillin with Clavulanic Acid**, Powder for injection 3 g-100 mg (solvent required) (*Timentin*)

To:

2179Q **Ticarcillin with Clavulanic Acid**, Powder for injection 3 g-100 mg (*Timentin*)

From:

5230G **Ticarcillin with Clavulanic Acid**, Powder for injection 3 g-100 mg (solvent required) (*Timentin*) (**Dental**)

To:

5230G **Ticarcillin with Clavulanic Acid**, Powder for injection 3 g-100 mg (*Timentin*) (**Dental**)

### Alteration – Manufacturer's Code

		From:	To:
3489P	<i>Penthrox, DV</i> – <b>Methoxyflurane</b> , Liquid for inhalation 999.9 mg per g, 3 mL (with inhaler) ( <b>Emergency Drug Supply</b> )	NQ	DV
5480K	<i>Valacor 500, CR</i> – <b>Valaciclovir</b> , Tablet 500 mg (as hydrochloride)	QR	CR
8064K	<i>Valacor 500, CR</i> – <b>Valaciclovir</b> , Tablet 500 mg (as hydrochloride)	QR	CR
8134D	<i>Valacor 500, CR</i> – <b>Valaciclovir</b> , Tablet 500 mg (as hydrochloride)	QR	CR

## SECTION 100 – HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS PROGRAM

### Additions

#### Addition – Brand

6352H	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 25 mg (Private)</i>
5634M	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 25 mg (Public)</i>
6353J	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 50 mg (Private)</i>
5635N	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 50 mg (Public)</i>
6354K	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 100 mg (Private)</i>
5636P	<i>Cyclosporin Sandoz, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 100 mg (Public)</i>
6193Y	<i>Alphapharm Lamivudine, AF – Lamivudine, Tablet 150 mg (Private)</i>
5772T	<i>Alphapharm Lamivudine, AF – Lamivudine, Tablet 150 mg (Public)</i>
6435Q	<i>Alphapharm Lamivudine, AF – Lamivudine, Tablet 300 mg (Private)</i>
5774X	<i>Alphapharm Lamivudine, AF – Lamivudine, Tablet 300 mg (Public)</i>
5770Q	<i>Zetlam, AF – Lamivudine, Tablet 100 mg (Public)</i>
6257H	<i>Zetlam, AF – Lamivudine, Tablet 100 mg (Private)</i>

#### Addition – Equivalence Indicator

6257H	<i>Zeffix, GK – Lamivudine, Tablet 100 mg (Private)</i>
5770Q	<i>Zeffix, GK – Lamivudine, Tablet 100 mg (Public)</i>

### Deletions

#### Deletion – Brand

6352H	<i>Cicloral, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 25 mg (Private)</i>
5634M	<i>Cicloral, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 25 mg (Public)</i>
6353J	<i>Cicloral, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 50 mg (Private)</i>
5635N	<i>Cicloral, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 50 mg (Public)</i>
6354K	<i>Cicloral, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 100 mg (Private)</i>
5636P	<i>Cicloral, SZ – Cyclosporin, Capsule 100 mg (Public)</i>

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## Deletions

### Deletion – Item

4059P **Risedronate Sodium and Calcium Carbonate**, Pack containing 4 tablets risedronate sodium 35 mg and 24 tablets calcium carbonate 1.25 g (equivalent to 500 mg calcium) (*Actonel Combi*)

### Deletion – Brand

4444X *Actonel Once-a-Week, SW* – **Risedronate Sodium**, Tablet 35 mg

## Alterations

### Alteration – Item Description

From:

4180B **Dichlorobenzene with Chlorbutol and Turpentine Oil**, Ear drops 20 mg-50 mg-0.1 mL per mL (2%-5%-10%), 10 mL (*Cerumol*)

To:

4180B **Dichlorobenzene with Chlorbutol and Arachis Oil**, Ear drops, ortho-dichlorobenzene 140 mg per mL, para-dichlorobenzene 20 mg per mL, chlorbutol 50 mg per mL, arachis oil 573 mg per mL, 10 mL (*Cerumol*)

### Alteration – Manufacturer's Code

		From:	To:
4811F	<i>Peg 7420, MM</i> – <b>Bandage—retention—cohesive—heavy</b> , Bandage 5 cm x 1.3 m	BK	MM
4812G	<i>Peg 7422, MM</i> – <b>Bandage—retention—cohesive—heavy</b> , Bandage 7.5 cm x 1.3 m	BK	MM
4813H	<i>Peg 7423, MM</i> – <b>Bandage—retention—cohesive—heavy</b> , Bandage 10 cm x 1.3 m	BK	MM
4814J	<i>Peg 7425, MM</i> – <b>Bandage—retention—cohesive—heavy</b> , Bandage 15 cm x 1.3 m	BK	MM
4180B	<i>Cerumol, UN</i> – <b>Dichlorobenzene with Chlorbutol and Arachis Oil</b> , Ear drops, ortho-dichlorobenzene 140 mg per mL, para-dichlorobenzene 20 mg per mL, chlorbutol 50 mg per mL, arachis oil 573 mg per mL, 10 mL	AC	UN

## Advance Notices

### Advance Notices – Deletion of Item

At the request of the manufacturer, the following items will be deleted from the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits on 1 October 2012:

2244D **Amino Acids—synthetic, Formula**, Compound powder 400 g (*Neocate Advance Tropical Flavour*)

2553J **Amino Acids—synthetic, Formula**, Compound powder 400 g (*Neocate Advance Tropical Flavour*)

9147K **Risedronate Sodium and Calcium Carbonate with Colecalciferol**, Pack containing 4 tablets risedronate sodium 35 mg and 24 sachets containing granules of calcium carbonate 2.5 g (equivalent to 1 g calcium) with colecalciferol 22 micrograms (*Actonel Combi D*)

1060T **Verapamil Hydrochloride**, Injection 5 mg in 2 mL (*Isoptin*)

3494X **Verapamil Hydrochloride**, Injection 5 mg in 2 mL (*Isoptin*)(Emergency Drug Supply)

At the request of the manufacturer, the following items will be deleted from the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits on 1 December 2012:

2820K **Betamethasone Valerate**, Ointment 200 micrograms (base) per g (0.02%), 100 g (*Celestone-M, Antroquoril*)

### Advance Notices – Deletion of Brand

At the request of the manufacturer, the following brand will be deleted from the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits on 1 October 2012:

2488Y *Pepcidine, MK* – **Famotidine**, Tablet 40 mg

At the request of the manufacturer, the following brand will be deleted from the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits on 1 December 2012:

8316Q *Maxipime, BQ* – **Cefepime**, Powder for injection 2 g (as hydrochloride)