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Prescriber Bag

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Fees, Patient Contributions and Safety Net Thresholds

The following fees, patient contributions and safety net thresholds apply from 1 October 2026 and are included, where applicable, in prices published in the Schedule.

Dispensing Fees:	Ready-prepared	\$9.24
	Dangerous drug fee	\$5.73
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$11.28
	Allowable additional patient charge*	\$2.79
Additional Fees (for safety net prices):	Ready-prepared	\$1.54
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$1.99
Patient Co-payments:	General	\$25.00
	Concessional	\$7.70
Safety Net Thresholds:	General	\$1748.20
	Concessional	\$277.20
Safety Net Card Issue Fee:		\$12.78

* 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

These changes to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits – Prescriber Bag are effective from 1 October 2026. The Schedule is updated on the first day of each month and is also available at www.pbs.gov.au.

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Advance Notices

1 January 2027

Deletion – Brand

3486L *BenPen*, SZ – **BENZYPENICILLIN**, benzylpenicillin 600 mg injection, 1 vial

About the Schedule

The Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits lists all ready-prepared items subsidised under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

The Schedule is published and is effective on the first day of each month.

For detailed information about the prescribing and supply of pharmaceutical benefits go to www.pbs.gov.au

For information about the operational aspects of the PBS, such as, PBS claiming, authority applications and stationery supplies contact Services Australia at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

Symbols and Abbreviations Used in the Schedule

*	An asterisk in the dispensed price column indicates that the manufacturer's pack does not coincide with the maximum quantity
‡	A double dagger in the maximum quantity column indicates where the maximum quantity has been determined to match the manufacturer's pack. These packs cannot be broken and the maximum quantity should be supplied and claimed
#	A gauge in the dispensed price column indicates that the product is not preconstituted and that the dispensed price therefore included a dispensing fee and where appropriate, an amount for purified water
a or b	Located immediately before brand names of an item indicates that the brands are equivalent for the purposes of substitution. These brands may be interchanged without differences in clinical effect
B	Located immediately before an amount in the premium column indicates a brand premium which applies to that particular brand of the item
T	Located immediately before an amount in the premium column indicates a therapeutic group premium which applies to that particular item
S	Located immediately before an amount in the premium column indicates a special patient contribution which applies to that particular item
DPMQ \$	Dispensed price for maximum quantity
MRVSN \$	Maximum recordable value for safety net
NP	Indicates that the item can be prescribed by an authorised nurse practitioner
MW	Indicates that the item can be prescribed by an authorised midwife
OP	Indicates that the item can be prescribed by an authorised optometrist
DP	Indicates that the item can be prescribed by an authorised dental practitioner

Prescriber Bag

ADRENALINE (EPINEPHRINE)

adrenaline (epinephrine) 1 in 1000 (1 mg/mL) injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

3451P	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	1	21.78	Link Medical Products Pty Ltd [LM]

ATROPINE SULFATE

atropine sulfate monohydrate 600 microgram/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL ampoules

3453R	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	29.87	Atropine Injection (Bridgewest) [WZ]

BENZATHINE BENZYL PENICILLIN

Note The listing is intended to provide treatment for syphilis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients in non-remote areas.

Note Pharmaceutical benefits that have the brand Lentocilin S 1200 (Portugal), or the brand Benzylpenicillin benzathine (Brancaster Pharma, UK), or the brand Benzetacil (Spain) may be substituted for pharmaceutical benefits that have the brand Bicillin L-A in case of shortage.

benzathine benzylpenicillin 1.2 million units powder for injection, 1 vial

15406W	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	10	490.44	^a Benzylpenicillin benzathine (Brancaster Pharma, UK) [QY]

OR

benzathine benzylpenicillin 1.2 million units powder for injection [1 vial] (&) inert substance diluent [4 mL ampoule], 1 pack

15053G	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	10	490.44	^a Lentocilin S 1200 (Portugal) [NG]

benzathine benzylpenicillin 1.2 million units powder for injection [1 vial] (&) inert substance diluent [4 mL ampoule], 1 pack

15512K	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	10	767.24	^a Benzetacil (Spain) [KQ]

OR

benzathine benzylpenicillin tetrahydrate 1.2 million units (1016.6 mg)/2.3 mL injection, 10 x 2.3 mL syringes

11755Q	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	1	327.06	^a Bicillin L-A [PF]

BENZATROPINE

benzatropine mesilate 2 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL vials

11265X	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	116.21	Benzatropine Injection [FF]

BENZYL PENICILLIN

benzylpenicillin 600 mg injection, 1 vial

3486L	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	5	43.14	^a BenPen [SZ]	^a PEN G Sandoz [HX]

BENZYL PENICILLIN

benzylpenicillin 3 g injection, 1 vial

3487M	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	1	23.65	BenPen [SZ]

CEFTRIAXONE

ceftriaxone 2 g injection, 10 vials

15171L	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	0.5	33.01	Ceftriaxone Viatris [AL]

OR

ceftriaxone 2 g injection, 5 vials

15179X	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	27.76	Ceftriaxone Viatris [AL]

CHLORPROMAZINE

chlorpromazine hydrochloride 50 mg/2 mL injection, 10 x 2 mL ampoules

3455W	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	34.72	Largactil [IX]

OR

HALOPERIDOL

haloperidol 5 mg/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL ampoules

3456X	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	25.23	^a HALOPERIDOL MEDSURGE [DZ]	^a Serenace [AS]

CLONAZEPAM

clonazepam 2.5 mg/mL (0.1 mg/drop) oral liquid, 10 mL

3478C	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	‡1	18.10	Rivotril [PB]

DIPHThERIA + TETANUS VACCINE

Note For immunisation of adults and children aged greater than or equal to 8 years.

diphtheria 2 units + tetanus 20 units vaccine injection, 5 x 0.5 mL syringes

3463G	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	2	174.36	ADT Booster [CS]

FUROSEMIDE

furosemide 20 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules

3466K	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	17.47	Lasix [SW]

FUROSEMIDE

furosemide 20 mg tablet, 50

12222G	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	17.10	^a Frusemix-M [TY]	^a UREMIDE 20 [AF]

GLUCAGON HYDROCHLORIDE

glucagon hydrochloride 1 mg injection [1 vial] (&) inert substance diluent [1 mL syringe], 1 pack

3467L	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	50.88	GlucaGen Hypokit [NO]

GLYCERYL TRINITRATE

glyceryl trinitrate 400 microgram/actuation spray, 200 actuations

3475X	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	‡1	26.62	Nitrolingual Pumpspray [SW]

HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE

hydrocortisone (as sodium succinate) 100 mg injection [1 chamber] (&) inert substance diluent [2 mL chamber], 1 dual chamber vial

3470P	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	2	25.02	Solu-Cortef [PF]

OR

hydrocortisone (as sodium succinate) 250 mg injection [1 chamber] (&) inert substance diluent [2 mL chamber], 1 dual chamber vial

3471Q	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	23.66	Solu-Cortef [PF]

HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE

hyoscine butylbromide 20 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

3473T	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
N	1	20.18	^a Buscopan [VZ]	^a HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE MEDSURGE [DZ]
			^a HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE SXP [XN]	^a HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE-AFT [AE]

LIDOCAINE

lidocaine hydrochloride monohydrate 1% (50 mg/5 mL) injection, 5 x 5 mL ampoules

10209H	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	1	50.68	LIGNOCAINE INJECTION (BRIDGEWEST) [WZ]

METHOXYFLURANE

methoxyflurane 99.9% (999 mg/g) inhalation solution, 3 mL bottle

3489P	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	66.51	Penthrox (Combination Pack) [DV]

METOCLOPRAMIDE

metoclopramide hydrochloride 10 mg/2 mL injection, 10 x 2 mL ampoules

3476Y	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	21.77	^a METOCLOPRAMIDE INJECTION BP [WZ]	^a Metoclopramide HCl Medsurge [DZ]

OR

PROCHLORPERAZINE

prochlorperazine mesilate 12.5 mg/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL ampoules

3477B	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP MW	1	30.69	Stemetil [IX]

MIDAZOLAM

midazolam 5 mg/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL ampoules

10178Q	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	39.96	Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd [PF]

MORPHINE

morphine hydrochloride trihydrate 10 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

10862Q	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	24.18	Morphine Juno [JU]

OR

morphine sulfate pentahydrate 15 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

3479D	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	27.58	MORPHINE SULFATE 15 mg/1 mL MEDSURGE [DZ]

OR

morphine hydrochloride trihydrate 20 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

10868B	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	26.23	Morphine Juno [JU]

OR

morphine sulfate pentahydrate 30 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

3480E	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	1	29.61	MORPHINE SULFATE 30 mg/1 mL MEDSURGE [DZ]

NALOXONE

naloxone hydrochloride 400 microgram/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules

10786Q	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NW	2	48.20	^a NALOXONE SXP [XN]	^a Naloxone Hydrochloride (DBL) [PF]
			^a Naloxone Juno [JU]	

OR

naloxone hydrochloride 400 microgram/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL ampoules

11233F	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
NP MW	1	48.19	NARCAN [FF]	

PHYTOMENADIONE**phytomenadione 10 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules**

10213M	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
NP	1	26.17	Konakion MM [PB]	

SALBUTAMOL**salbutamol 5 mg/2.5 mL inhalation solution, 30 x 2.5 mL ampoules**

3497C	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
NP	‡1	19.59	Salbutamol Cipla [LR]	

OR**salbutamol 5 mg/2.5 mL inhalation solution, 20 x 2.5 mL ampoules**

11088N	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
NP	‡1	20.42	Ventolin Nebules [GK]	

salbutamol 5 mg/2.5 mL inhalation solution, 20 x 2.5 mL ampoules

15347R	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
NP	‡1	66.32	Salbutamol (as sulfate) (Accord, UK) [OJ]	

SALBUTAMOL**salbutamol 100 microgram/actuation inhalation, 200 actuations**

12108G	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
NP	‡1	20.02	^a Zempreon CFC-Free with dose counter [AL]	
		20.46	^a Asmol CFC-Free with dose counter [AF]	
		22.92	^a Ventolin CFC-Free with dose counter [GK]	

OR**salbutamol 2.5 mg/2.5 mL inhalation solution, 20 x 2.5 mL ampoules**

11125M	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	
NP	‡1	20.32	Ventolin Nebules [GK]	

TRAMADOL**tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules**

3484J	Max.Qty Packs	DPMQ \$	Brand Name and Manufacturer	Brand Name and Manufacturer
N	1	17.75	^a Tramadol AN [JU]	^a Tramadol Sandoz [SZ]
			^a Tramal 100 [CS]	

Index of Manufacturer Codes

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AE	AFT Pharmaceuticals (AU) Pty Ltd
AF	Alphapharm Pty Ltd
AL	Alphapharm Pty Ltd
AS	Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Limited
CS	Seqirus (Australia) Pty Ltd
DV	Medical Developments International Limited
DZ	Medsurge Healthcare Pty Ltd
FF	Phebra Pty Ltd
GK	GlaxoSmithKline Australia Pty Ltd
HX	Sandoz Pty Ltd
IX	Clinect Pty Ltd
JU	Juno Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd
KQ	PHERO PHARMA PTY LTD
LM	Link Medical Products Pty Ltd
LR	Cipla Australia Pty Ltd
NG	NEON HEALTHCARE PTY LIMITED
NO	Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals Pty. Limited
OJ	The Trustee for ORSPEC PHARMA UNIT TRUST
PB	Pharmaco (Australia) Limited
PF	Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd
QY	Pro Pharmaceuticals Group Pty. Ltd.
SW	sanofi-aventis Australia Pty Ltd
SZ	Sandoz Pty Ltd
TY	Apotex Pty Ltd
VZ	Sanofi-aventis Healthcare Pty Ltd
WZ	Bridgewest Perth Pharma Pty Ltd
XN	Southern XP Pty Ltd

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