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### This compilation

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## **1A Name of Scheme**

This instrument is the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme*.

## **1C Transitional-General**

Any process under the *revoked scheme* that had not been finalised before the commencement of this *Scheme* is to be completed under this *Scheme* as if it had commenced under this *Scheme*.

## **1D Transitional-pharmaceutical reimbursement**

For the purpose of working out a *pharmaceutical reimbursement*, a co-payment by an *Eligible Person* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under the *revoked scheme*, that could have **been** counted for a pharmaceutical reimbursement under the *revoked Scheme* but in respect of which a pharmaceutical reimbursement had not been made immediately before the commencement of this *Scheme*, is taken to be a *co-payment* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under this *Scheme*.

## **1 Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme**

The Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is authorised by, and subject to, section 91 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

## **2 Purpose of the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme**

The Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme enables *Community Pharmacists* to supply *Pharmaceutical benefits* to *Eligible Persons*.

## Part 1—Interpretation

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For the purposes of this Scheme, unless a contrary intention appears:

***accepted disability*** means a war-caused injury or a war-caused disease, a defence-caused injury or a defence-caused disease or a *SRCA disability*.

Note: war-caused injury etc is defined in the *Act*.

***Act*** means the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

***approval number*** means a number allotted by the *Secretary* or the *Minister for Health* under section 16 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* to an approval under the *National Health Act 1953* of a person described in the section who, under the Scheme, is a *Community Pharmacist*.

***approved hospital*** means a hospital in respect of which the hospital authority is approved under section 94 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***Approved Hospital Authority*** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***approved information technology requirements*** means information technology requirements of a kind approved in writing by the *Secretary* under section 12 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* for the purposes of the provision in those regulations in which the expression is used.

***Approved Medical Practitioner*** means a medical practitioner approved under section 92 of the *National Health Act 1953* for the purposes of supplying *Pharmaceutical benefits*.

***approved supplier*** has the meaning given in Part VII of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***Authorised Midwife*** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***Authorised Nurse Practitioner*** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***authority prescription*** means a prescription of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* for which *Prior Approval* under section 6 is required.

***Authority Prescription Form*** means a *prescription* in the form, if any, for an “authority prescription” under the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.

***Chief Executive Medicare*** has the meaning given by the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973*.

***claims rules*** mean the rules, in force from time to time, made under subsections 98AC(4) and 99AAA(8) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**Commission** means the Repatriation Commission continued in existence by section 179 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

**Community Pharmacist** means:

- (a) a registered pharmacist approved for the purposes of section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953* in charge of a community pharmacy; or
- (b) a registered pharmacist approved for the purposes of section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953*, being the manager of a registered Friendly Society Dispensary; or
- (c) an Approved Hospital Authority; or
- (d) an Approved Medical Practitioner.

**concessional beneficiary** has the same meaning it has in section 84 of the *National Health Act 1953*, in force from time to time.

**concessional beneficiary safety net** has the same meaning it has in section 99F of the *National Health Act 1953*, in force from time to time.

**concession card** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**continued dispensing supply** means the supply of *Pharmaceutical benefits* in the circumstances in paragraph 16A.

**co-payment**, in respect of a *Pharmaceutical benefit*, means that part of the price of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is borne by the *Eligible Person* in relation to a *Pharmaceutical benefit* made available under the *Scheme*.

**deferred supply authorisation** means the situation described in section 53 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.

Note: generally a deferred supply authorisation occurs where a prescription contains a direction to supply more than 1 *Pharmaceutical benefit* and the *Community Pharmacist* to whom the *prescription* is presented, at the request of the person for whom the prescription is written, defers the supply of one or more of the *Pharmaceutical benefits*.

**Department** means the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**dependant**, in relation to a *concessional beneficiary*, has the meaning given by Part VII of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**Diagnostic Agents** means Agents intended to facilitate the determination of human disease and/or human physiological states.

**dispensed price** means:

- (a) for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* included in the *PBS* and supplied under the *Scheme* — the dispensed price for the *Pharmaceutical benefit* in the *PBS*;

Note: the dispensed price in the *PBS* is described as "Dispensed Price for Max.Qty"

- (b) for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* included in the *RPBS Schedule* and supplied under the *Scheme* — the dispensed price for the *Pharmaceutical benefit* in the *RPBS Schedule*;

Note: the dispensed price in the *RPBS Schedule* is described as "Dispensed Price for Max.Qty"

- (c) for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* not included in the *PBS* or the *RPBS Schedule* and supplied under the *Scheme* — the dispensed price for the *Pharmaceutical benefit* worked out under the *RPBS Schedule*.

Note: see the information in the *RPBS Schedule* under the headings: “Pricing of Non-Schedule Ready Prepared Items” and “Pricing of Non-Schedule Extemporaneously Prepared Items”.

**Drugs or Medicines** means *goods for therapeutic use* as defined for human use by the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*.

**electronic medication chart** has the meaning given by subsection 11B(8).

**electronic prescription** means a prescription that is prepared and submitted:

- (a) in accordance with *approved information technology requirements* (if any), by means of an *eligible electronic communication*; and
- (b) in accordance with the appropriate form approved by the *Secretary* under:
  - (i) subparagraph 40(2)(c)(ii) (prescriptions other than medication chart prescriptions) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*; or
  - (ii) subsection 41(5) (medication chart prescriptions) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.

**eligible electronic communication** means:

- (a) an electronic communication of a kind approved by the *Secretary* under section 11 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* for the purposes of the provision in which the expression is used; or
- (b) if no such approval is in force for the purposes of the provision in which the expression is used—any electronic communication.

**Eligible Person** means:

- (a) a person who holds a Repatriation Health Card - For All Conditions; or
- (b) a person who holds a Repatriation Health Card - For Specific Conditions; or
- (c) a person who holds a Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card.

**entitlement card** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**Explanatory Notes** means:

- (a) the document forming part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that is SECTION 1- EXPLANATORY NOTES; and
- (b) the document forming part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that is the RPBS Explanatory Notes;
 

being the version of the documents in the form in which they exist from time to time.

**general patient safety net** has the same meaning it has in section 99F of the *National Health Act 1953*, in force from time to time.



**healthcare identifier** has the same meaning as in the *Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010*.

**healthcare provider organisation** has the same meaning as in the *Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010*.

**hospital treatment** has the meaning given by section 121-5 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

**income support payment** is a service pension (defined in subsection 5Q(1) of the *Act*) or an income support supplement (referred to in Part IIIA of the *Act*).

**income support payment under the Social Security Act 1991** means a payment referred to in the definition of “income support payment” in subsection 23(1) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

**Medical Practitioner** has the same meaning as “medical practitioner” has in the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

**medicare number** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**medication chart** has the meaning given by subsection 11B(6).

**medication chart prescription** has the meaning given by section 11B.

**Minister for Health** means the Minister administering the *National Health Act 1953*.

**MRCA supplement** means a payment under section 300 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

**paper-based prescription** means a prescription that is prepared in duplicate in accordance with subsection 40(2) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.

**PBS or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme** means the document entitled “SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS” with International Standard Serial Number 1037-3667, being the version of the document in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**PBS prescriber** has the meaning given by subsection 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**PBS prescriber number** means the number given by the *Chief Executive Medicare* to a person who may prescribe a pharmaceutical benefit under the *National Health Act 1953*.

**PBS Schedule** means the collection of instruments made under Part VII of the *National Health Act 1953* (the *Act*) by the Minister who administers that *Act*, as those instruments are in force from time to time.

**pension supplement** has the same meaning it has in subsection 5Q(1) of the *Act*, in force from time to time.

**pharmaceutical allowance** means the component of the *veterans supplement* or *pension supplement* or *MRCA supplement* or *war widow/war widower pension*

that is to assist with the purchase of *Pharmaceutical benefits*, the calculated value of which is referred to in paragraph 37 (pharmaceutical allowance component) of Part 5A.

***pharmaceutical benefit has a drug*** has the same meaning as in Part VII of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***Pharmaceutical benefits*** has the same meaning as “pharmaceutical benefits” in subsection 91(9) of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*.

***pharmaceutical item*** has the meaning given in Part VII of the *National Health Act 1953*.

***pharmaceutical reimbursement*** means the financial amount described in paragraphs 33-35 of Part 5A.

***Prior Approval*** means the prior approval of the *Commission*.

***Repatriation Health Card - For All Conditions*** means an identification card, or written authorisation, provided to:

- (a) a person eligible under section 85 of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* for treatment, subject to the *Treatment Principles*, for all injuries or diseases; or
- (b) a person eligible under section 86 of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* for treatment, subject to the *Treatment Principles*, for all injuries or diseases.

***Repatriation Health Card - For Specific Conditions*** means an identification card, or written authorisation, provided to a person who is eligible:

- (a) under section 85 of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* for treatment, for war-caused or defence-caused injuries or diseases, and certain specified conditions; or
- (b) for treatment under a determination made under section 88A of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*.

***Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card*** means an identification card entitled 'Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card' which is provided to a person pursuant to section 93X of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* and which entitles the person to pharmaceutical benefits in accordance with this Scheme.

Note: Part VA of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* (Act) has the effect of deeming an eligible Commonwealth veteran, an eligible allied veteran, and an eligible allied mariner, to be entitled to pharmaceutical benefits under the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* as if such person was eligible for treatment comprised of pharmaceutical benefits under Part V of the Act.

***Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits*** means all that writing in the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* for the part “Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits”.

Note: as at 1 September 2014 the part comprised pages 1077-1082.

***repeat authorisation form*** means the form mentioned in subparagraph 52(3)(a)(i) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.

**residential care** has the meaning given by section 41–3 of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

**residential care service** has the meaning given by the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

**revoked scheme** means the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* (1995 No.12).

**RPBS** means the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

**RPBS Explanatory Notes** means the document forming part of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* that is the RPBS Explanatory Notes being the version of the document in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**RPBS prescriber** means an *Approved Medical Practitioner*, an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner*.

Note: an RPBS prescriber who is an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the *PBS* and a prescription by an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the *PBS* is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is available under the *Scheme* on the prescription of, say, an *Approved Medical Practitioner*.

**RPBS Schedule** means the document forming part of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* that is the *Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits*, being the version of the document in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**safety net**, in respect of its application to a person under this *Scheme*, means the *concessional beneficiary safety net* or *general patient safety net*, whichever amount first applies to the person for the purposes of section 84C of the *National Health Act 1953*, in force from time to time.

Note: under section 84C of the *National Health Act 1953* a concession card or entitlement card is issued when a person reaches their Safety Net. The card is issued for the “relevant entitlement period”. The relevant entitlement period is the remainder of the calendar year after the card is issued.

**Scheduled item** means an item in the *PBS Schedule* or the *RPBS Schedule*.

**Scheme** means the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme*.

**Secretary** has the meaning given in Part 1 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

**Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement** means the written agreement between the Australian Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia called the “Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement” which relates to the delivery of *PBS* medicines and related services, being the version of the agreement in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**social security pension supplement** means a rate or amount worked out under section 20A of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

**special arrangement** means the *National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020* (the instrument) made by the Minister for Health under section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953* to modify the arrangements for the supply of *Pharmaceutical benefits* under Part VII of that Act.

**SRCA disability** means an injury (within the meaning of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*):

- (a) for which the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission has accepted liability to pay compensation under that Act; and
- (b) for which the person with the injury is eligible to be provided with treatment under Part V of the *Act*.

Note 1: In the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* the definition of *injury* includes a disease (see section 5A of that Act).

Note 2: Section 85(2A) of the *Act* provides eligibility for treatment of a person with an injury under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*.

**Standard Prescription Form** means a *prescription* prepared in accordance with subsection 40(2) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*. Note: a Standard Prescription Form does not include a *medication chart prescription*.

**supply certification form** means the form of that name in the *claims rules*.

**Treatment Principles** is the written document prepared by the Repatriation Commission, approved by the Minister under section 90 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and in force from time to time.

**veterans supplement** means the payment under section 118A of the *Act*.

**war-caused or defence-caused injuries or diseases** means the injuries or diseases described in, respectively, section 9 and 70 of the *Act*; and in relation to a person with a *SRCA disability* means the person's injury (within the meaning of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*) was caused by, or arose out of, the person's employment in the Defence Force that is covered by the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*.

**war widow/war widower pension** means a payment received by a war widow/war widower —pensioner comprised of:

- (a) a pension under Part II or IV of the *Act* at a rate determined under or by reference to subsection 30(1) of the *Act*; or
- (b) a lump sum mentioned in paragraph 234(1)(b) of the MRCA or a weekly amount mentioned in that paragraph.

Note: MRCA is defined in subsection 5Q(1) of the *Act* as the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

Note: references in the *Scheme* to paragraphs, subparagraphs, sections and subsections are interchangeable. For example a reference to "paragraph 10" of the *Scheme* is the same as a reference to "section 10" of the *Scheme* and vice versa.

## 4 Notification of certain matters in the Explanatory Notes

Where it is provided for the *Department* or the *Commission* to notify of certain matters under the *Scheme*, the inclusion of the matter in the *RPBS Explanatory Notes* and publication of the *RPBS Explanatory Notes* (as part of the publication

of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* which includes the *RPBS Explanatory Notes*) shall be taken to constitute such notification.

## **5 Department to notify of certain matters as agent of the Commission**

Where it is provided that the *Department* may notify of certain matters, the *Department* may only do so for and on behalf of the *Commission*, as its agent.

## Part 2—Prescribing of Benefits Procedure by Medical Practitioners

### 6 Prior Approval

- (a) The *Commission* may approve any matters requiring “**Prior Approval**”; and
- (b) *Prior Approval* must be sought, in advance, in accordance with an *Authority Prescription Form*.

### 7 Restrictions

Restrictions apply to the prescribing of certain items. These include:

- (a) **items — quantities and repeats:** those listed in the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule*;
  - (b) **surgical appliances and other treatment aids:** surgical appliances and other treatment aids provided under the *Treatment Principles* may not be prescribed unless specifically listed in the *RPBS Schedule*;
  - (c) **admixtures:** the following restrictions apply to admixtures:
    - (i) admixture of two or more ready-prepared items into a single combined form, or the addition of one or more supplementary ingredients to a ready-prepared item, is not recognised as a *Pharmaceutical benefit*;
    - (ii) the extemporaneous prescribing of two or more official formulary preparations in a single combined form, or the addition of one or more supplementary ingredients to an official formulary preparation, is a recognised *Pharmaceutical benefit*; and
    - (iii) where one or more of the components of a preparation specified in subsubparagraph (ii) are non-*RPBS Schedule* or non-*PBS Schedule* items, *Prior Approval* is required for their prescribing;
  - (d) **conformity with standards:** no drug or therapeutic substance shall be prescribed unless it conforms with the specific or general standards as determined by the relevant Minister under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*.
  - (e) **basis for prescribing:** the prescribing of therapeutic substances other than on the clinical diagnosis of a *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* shall be invalid;
- Note: an RPBS prescriber who is an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the *PBS* and a prescription by an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the *PBS* is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is available under the *Scheme* on the prescription of, say, an *Approved Medical Practitioner*.
- (f) **approval for therapeutic use:** it is invalid to prescribe:
    - (i) an item that is not approved for therapeutic use in the treatment of human illness by the relevant Commonwealth, State or Territory Government agencies, or

- (ii) an item for use if it is not in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the relevant Government agencies in approving the item as a therapeutic substance;
- (g) **Prior Approval for non-conforming items:** any drug or medicine intended for use other than in conformity with the requirements in subparagraph (d) requires *Prior Approval*;
- (h) **PBS Schedule restricted items:** the prescribing of *PBS Schedule* restricted items is to comply with the restrictions relating to the prescribing of such items as indicated in the *PBS Schedule* unless *Prior Approval* is obtained to prescribe otherwise;
- (j) **RPBS Schedule restricted items:** the prescribing of *RPBS Schedule* restricted items under this Part is to comply with the restrictions relating to the prescribing of such items as indicated in the *RPBS Schedule* unless *Prior Approval* is obtained to prescribe otherwise;
- (k) **Prior Approval for non-Schedule items:** the prescribing of an item not included in the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule* requires *Prior Approval*.

## 8 Prescribing provisions

The *PBS Schedule* and *RPBS Schedule* are the primary references for the prescribing of *Pharmaceutical benefits*.

## 9 Application of PBS Schedule restrictions and RPBS Schedule restrictions

Restrictions specified in the *PBS Schedule* and *RPBS Schedule* which limit supply of items to a particular class of person, or are reserved for specified purposes or require an authority to prescribe, apply unless *Prior Approval* is obtained to prescribe otherwise.

## 10 Prescriptions to conform with State or Territory Law

For a *prescription* to be recognised by the Commission it must conform with the provisions of State or Territory law.

## 11 Form of prescriptions

Who can write Prescriptions

- (1) Prescriptions are to be written by a *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* and except where inconsistent with the *Scheme* are to:
  - (a) satisfy the requirements for prescriptions in the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*; and
  - (b) in the case of a prescription written by an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* — only be for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* the person is permitted to prescribe under the *National Health Act 1953* (including under the instruments under that Act).

Note: an RPBS prescriber who is an Authorised Midwife or an Authorised Nurse Practitioner may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the PBS and a prescription by an Authorised Midwife or an Authorised Nurse Practitioner for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the PBS is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the

Pharmaceutical benefit is available under the Scheme on the prescription of, say, an Approved Medical Practitioner.

## 11AA Writing prescriptions-general

A prescription for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* must be written in accordance with;

- (a) either:
  - (i) section 11A (prescriptions other than medication chart prescriptions); or
  - (ii) section 11B (medication chart prescriptions); and
- (b) if the prescription is an electronic prescription—section 11C (additional requirements for all electronic prescriptions).

Note: other provisions of the *Scheme* may also contain requirements for writing of prescriptions.

## 11A Writing of prescriptions-prescriptions other than medication chart prescriptions

- (1) An *RPBS prescriber* writes a prescription in accordance with this *Scheme* if the *RPBS prescriber* :
  - (a) prepares the prescription:
    - (i) in duplicate, by handwriting the prescription in ink on a prescription form:
      - (A) that is as nearly as practicable 18 centimetres long by 12 centimetres wide; and
      - (B) on which appears the name and address of the *RPBS prescriber* and, subject to subsection (4), the letters ‘RPBS’(or ‘DVA’); and
      - (C) on the original of which appear the words ‘pharmacist/patient copy’; and
      - (D) on the duplicate of which appear the words ‘Medicare Australia/DVA copy’; or
    - (ii) in duplicate, by means of a computer on a prescription form:
      - (A) that is as nearly as practicable 18 centimetres long by 12 centimetres wide; and
      - (B) on which appears the name and address of the *RPBS prescriber* and, subject to subsection (4), the letters ‘RPBS’ (or ‘DVA’); and
      - (C) on the original of which appear the words ‘pharmacist/patient copy’; and
      - (D) on the duplicate of which appear the words ‘Medicare Australia/DVA copy’; and
      - (E) that is approved in writing for the purpose by the Secretary (as defined in the *National Health Act 1953*); or
  - (ia) by means of a form:
    - (A) on which appear the name and address of the *RPBS prescriber* and the letters ‘RPBS’ (or ‘DVA’); and



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- (B) that is approved in writing by the Secretary (as defined in the *National Health Act 1953*) for the purpose of writing an electronic prescription; or
  - (iii) by another method approved in writing by the Secretary (as defined in the *National Health Act 1953*); and
  - (b) signs the prescription after it is prepared; and
  - (c) for an *authority prescription*—writes on it that *prior approval* has been obtained (if the case); and
  - (d) specifies on the prescription the date on which the prescription is written; and
  - (e) for a *Authorised Midwife* or *Authorised Nurse Practitioner*—states in the prescription the number allotted to his or her approval under section 16 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*; and
  - (f) states in the prescription the name of the person for whom the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is prescribed and the address of that person; and
  - (g) identifies in the prescription the *Pharmaceutical benefit* in accordance with subsection (1A); and
  - (h) states in the prescription:
    - (i) the quantity or number of units of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* to be supplied; and
    - (ii) if the supply of the benefit is to be repeated—the number of times it is to be repeated; and
  - (i) if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* to be supplied is not a ready-prepared pharmaceutical benefit (as defined in the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*)—indicates in the prescription the manner in which the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is to be administered.
- (1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(g), the *RPBS prescriber* must identify in the prescription:
- (a) if:
    - (i) the prescription is prepared in accordance with paragraph (1)(a); or
    - (ii) the prescription is for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that has 4 or more drugs; or
    - (iii) the prescription is for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is specified by the Secretary, in writing, for the purposes of subparagraph 40(2A)(a)(iii) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*; or
    - (iv) the prescription is for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed under the heading “Various” in the *RPBS Schedule*;
 the *Pharmaceutical benefit* by such particulars as are necessary to identify the *Pharmaceutical benefit*; or
  - (b) otherwise:
    - (i) each drug that the *Pharmaceutical benefit* has; and
    - (ii) if the *RPBS prescriber* considers that it is necessary for the medical treatment of the person for whom the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is to be supplied to identify a brand of the pharmaceutical item that the *Pharmaceutical benefit* has—the brand of the pharmaceutical item.
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- (1B) If subparagraph (1A)(b)(ii) applies, the brand of the pharmaceutical item must be listed after the drugs that the *Pharmaceutical benefit* has.
- (1C) Subsection (1A) does not apply to the extent that it would be contrary to a law of a State or Territory that would otherwise apply.
- (2) A prescription written in accordance with this section must not provide for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to:
  - (a) a person if the *RPBS prescriber* has written, on the same day, another prescription for the supply of the same or an equivalent *Pharmaceutical benefit* to the person; or
  - (b) more than 1 person.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraphs (2)(b), (c) and (d), a prescription must not be prepared using a computer program that:
  - (a) operates, or may operate, to indicate on a prescription by default, for the purposes of subsection 103(2A) of the *National Health Act 1953*, that only the brand of pharmaceutical benefit specified in the prescription is to be supplied; or
  - (b) if paragraph (2A)(b) of this section applies to the prescription—operates, or may operate, to indicate on a prescription by default a brand of the pharmaceutical item that the pharmaceutical benefit has.

## 11B Writing prescriptions — medication chart prescriptions

### *Writing prescription by completing section of medication chart*

- (1) An *RPBS prescriber* writes a prescription (***a medication chart prescription***) for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* in accordance with this section if:
  - (a) the person for whom the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is prescribed is receiving treatment in or at:
    - (i) a *residential care service* at which the person is receiving *residential care*; or
    - (ii) an *approved hospital*; and
  - (b) the *RPBS prescriber* completes a section of a *medication chart* for the person in relation to the *Pharmaceutical benefit* in accordance with
    - (i) subsection (3) and
    - (ii) if the *prescription* would be an *authority prescription* other than an *authority prescription* referred to in subsection (4A) – subsection (4).
- (2) A reference in the *Scheme* to a *prescription*, or a *medication chart prescription*, includes a reference to the completed section of the chart by which a *medication chart prescription* was written.

### *Completing section of medication chart—general*

- (3) An *RPBS prescriber* completes a section of a *medication chart* in accordance with this subsection for a person (the ***patient***) in relation to a *Pharmaceutical benefit* if:
  - (a) the *RPBS prescriber* writes in the section of the chart:

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- (i) particulars to identify the *Pharmaceutical benefit* in accordance with subsection (3A); and
  - (ii) the date on which the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is prescribed; and
  - (iii) the *Pharmaceutical benefit's* dose, frequency of administration and route of administration; and
  - (iv) the letters 'RPBS' or 'DVA'; and
  - (b) the chart contains the following information:
    - (i) the *RPBS prescriber's* full name, address and *PBS prescriber number* (if a *PBS prescriber*);
    - (ii) the patient's full name;
    - (iii) the patient's medicare number;
    - (iv) the number of any *entitlement card* or *concession card* held by the patient;
    - (v) if the patient is a *concessional beneficiary* or the dependant of a *concessional beneficiary* – the number of any card issued by the Commonwealth and held by the *concessional beneficiary* that is evidence that the patient is entitled to receive the *Pharmaceutical benefit* on terms appropriate for the supply of the benefit to a patient of that kind;
    - (vi) the name of the *residential care service* or *approved hospital* in or at which the patient is receiving treatment;
    - (vii) if the patient is receiving treatment in or at a *residential care service*—the Residential Aged Care Service ID for the *residential care service*;
    - (viii) if the patient is receiving treatment in or at an *approved hospital*—the patient's address and;
  - (c) the *RPBS prescriber* writes his or her signature:
    - (i) in the section of the chart; and
    - (ii) except in the case of an *electronic prescription*—on the cover page of the chart; and
  - (d) the section of the chart does not provide for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to more than one person; and
  - (e) the section of the chart is not completed using a computer program that operates, or may operate, to indicate on a prescription by default, for subsection 103(2A) of the *National Health Act 1953*, that only the brand of *Pharmaceutical benefit* specified in the prescription is to be supplied; and
  - (ea) if paragraph (3A)(b) of this section applies to the prescription—the section of the chart is not completed using a computer program that operates, or may operate, to indicate on a prescription by default a brand of the pharmaceutical item that the pharmaceutical benefit has; and
  - (f) if the patient is receiving treatment in or at an *approved hospital*—the chart specifies the day on which the chart's period of validity ends under subsection 16AA(3A), which must be the last day of one of the following periods starting on the day the first prescription for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* is written in the chart:
    - (i) 1 month;
    - (ii) 4 months;
    - (iii) 12 months; and
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- (g) in any case—the section of the chart is completed before the end of the chart’s period of validity under subsection 16AA(3) or (3A).

Note: A section in a medication chart may set out fields that only need to have information filled in if the information is relevant to the particular prescription concerned.

Example: For paragraph (f), the first prescription is written in a medication chart on 11 June in a particular year. The day specified in the chart as the day on which the chart’s period of validity ends must be 10 July or 10 October in that year, or 10 June in the following year.

- (3A) For the purposes of subparagraph (3)(a)(i), the *RPBS prescriber* must write in the section of the chart:

- (a) if:
- (i) the prescription is prepared by handwriting the prescription on the section of the chart; or
  - (ii) the prescription is for the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit that has 4 or more drugs; or
  - (iii) the patient is receiving treatment in or at a residential care service and the medication chart is not an electronic medication chart; or
  - (iv) the prescription is for the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit that is specified by the Secretary, in writing, for the purposes of subparagraph 40(2A)(a)(iii) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*; or
  - (v) the prescription is for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed under the heading “Various” in the *RPBS Schedule*;

particulars sufficient to identify the pharmaceutical benefit; or

- (b) otherwise:
- (i) each drug that the *Pharmaceutical benefit* has; and
  - (ii) if the *RPBS prescriber* considers that it is necessary for the medical treatment of the patient to identify a brand of the pharmaceutical item that the *Pharmaceutical benefit* has—the brand of the pharmaceutical item.

- (3B) If subparagraph (3A)(b)(ii) applies, the brand of the pharmaceutical item must be listed after the drugs that the pharmaceutical benefit has.

- (3C) Subsection (3A) does not apply to the extent that it would be contrary to a law of a State or Territory that would otherwise apply.

#### *Completing section of medication chart—authority prescriptions*

- (4) An *RPBS prescriber* completes a section of a medication chart in accordance with this subsection for a person for the purpose of writing an *authority prescription* if the section of the chart contains:
- (a) each authority approval number for the prescription, unless the prescription is to be posted or delivered to the *Minister for Health or Chief Executive Medicare* for authorisation; or
  - (b) the relevant streamlined authority code for the *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is prescribed.

*Authority prescriptions that have been authorised in accordance with certain authority required procedures*

- (4A) Subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) does not apply to *authority prescriptions* that have been authorised in accordance with authority required procedures that are incorporated by reference into the circumstances determined for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under subsection 85B(4) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

Note: If the authority required procedures referred to in subsection (4A) require a streamlined authority code or an authority approval number to be written on an authority prescription, and the code or number is not written on the authority prescription, the special patient contribution is not payable by the Commonwealth: see subsection 85B(4) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

- (5) Subparagraphs (4)(b)(ii) and (iii) do not apply to *authority prescriptions* that have been authorised in accordance with authority required procedures that are incorporated by reference into the circumstances determined for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under subsection 85B(4) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

Note: If a streamlined authority code or an authority approval number must be written on an authority prescription, and the code or number is not written on the authority prescription, the special patient contribution mentioned in subsection 85B(4) of the *National Health Act 1953* may not be payable by the Commonwealth: see subsection 85B(5) of that Act.

*Medication charts*

- (6) A *medication chart* is a chart in a form (if any) approved under subsection (7) that is used for prescribing, and recording the administration of, Pharmaceutical benefits to persons receiving treatment in or at a *residential care service* or a hospital, whether or not the chart :
- (a) is used for any other purpose; or
  - (b) contains any other information.

Note: For paragraph (a), the chart may also be used (for example) to prescribe, and record the administration of drugs, medicines and other substances that are not Pharmaceutical benefits.

- (7) The form of a medication chart is approved if the Secretary (as defined in the *National Health Act 1953*) has approved it.

*Electronic medication charts*

- (8) An ***electronic medication chart*** is a medication chart in a form approved by the Secretary under subsection 41(5) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* for the purpose of writing an electronic prescription.

## 11C Writing prescriptions—additional requirements for all electronic prescriptions

An *RPBS prescriber* writes an electronic prescription in accordance with this section if the *RPBS prescriber*:

- (a) includes in the metadata of the prescription:

- (i) the conformance identifier provided to the Australian Digital Health Agency in relation to the software used to prepare the prescription; and
  - (ii) a unique identifier for the prescription generated by that software; and
- (b) states in the prescription:
  - (i) the healthcare identifier (if any) assigned to the *RPBS prescriber*; and
  - (ii) the healthcare identifier assigned to a healthcare provider organisation to which the *RPBS prescriber* is linked (within the meaning of the *Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010*).

## 11D Writing prescriptions—additional information that may be included in electronic prescriptions

An electronic prescription may include either or both of the following:

- (a) the date of birth of the person for whom the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is prescribed;
- (b) the reason why the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is prescribed to that person.

## 12 When prescriptions are invalid

A *prescription* is not a valid *Pharmaceutical benefit* if the *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife*:

- (a) except where the *prescription* is a *medication chart prescription*, prescribes a *Pharmaceutical benefit* for a person in respect of whom another *prescription* for the same benefit has been written on the same day by the same *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife*; or
- (b) prescribes, on the one form, a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is a drug of addiction and another *Pharmaceutical benefit*, and directs that the supply of either *Pharmaceutical benefit* is to be repeated (but, if no repeats of either item are ordered, the *prescription* may be accepted provided that this is in accordance with the relevant State or Territory law); or
- (c) prescribes a narcotic drug for the *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* writing the *prescription*; or
- (d) prescribes on a *Standard Prescription Form* an item not listed in the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule*; or
- (e) prescribes on a *Standard Prescription Form* a benefit in contravention of any of the restrictions set out in paragraph 7; or
- (f) where the prescription is by an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* for an *Eligible Person* — prescribes a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available to the *Eligible Person* under the *PBS*.

Note: an *RPBS prescriber* who is an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the *PBS* and a prescription by an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the *PBS* is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is available under the *Scheme* on the prescription of, say, an *Approved Medical Practitioner*.

### 13 Maximum quantity and repeats allowed

The quantity and repeats for *Scheduled items* are to be confined to those specified in the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule*. However, where inadequate, the *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* may seek *Prior Approval* to prescribe a quantity greater, or a greater number of repeats, than the maximum listed in the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule*.

Note: an RPBS prescriber who is an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the *PBS* and a prescription by an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the *PBS* is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is available under the *Scheme* on the prescription of, say, an *Approved Medical Practitioner*.

### 14 Prescribing outside the RPBS Schedule or PBS Schedule

If a *Medical Practitioner* is of the clinical opinion that there are no therapeutic alternatives available in the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule* for the treatment of an *Eligible Person*, the *Medical Practitioner* may seek *Prior Approval* from the *Commission* to prescribe an item not contained in those Schedules.

### 15 Medical Practitioner subject to this Scheme

Where a *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* prescribes for an *Eligible Person*, the *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife* shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this *Scheme* and the *Explanatory Notes*.

Note: an RPBS prescriber who is an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the *PBS* and a prescription by an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the *PBS* is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is available under the *Scheme* on the prescription of, say, an *Approved Medical Practitioner*.

## Part 3—Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits

### 16 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits — Procedure by Community Pharmacists

Subject to paragraph 16AAA (special arrangements) and paragraph 16A (continued dispensing), a *Community Pharmacist* is required to supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* only upon the surrender of:

- (a) a valid *Standard Prescription Form*; or
- (b) a valid *Authority Prescription Form*; or
- (c) a valid *repeat authorisation form* presented with a duplicate *prescription* in accordance with the requirements under the *PBS*; or
- (d) a valid *medication chart prescription*;

Note: The Commonwealth introduced medication chart prescribing (MCP) in stages. Firstly there was a trial of MCP in certain residential care services and then it was adopted for residential care services. Secondly, on 1 April 2015, a trial of MCP at certain hospitals commenced. The intention in the RPBS is to ensure MCP under the RPBS can only occur for patients in residential care services or hospitals where it could occur in respect of those patients under the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*.

provided that such documents are in accordance with State or Territory law and this *Scheme* and the *Explanatory Notes*, and with any requirements which the *Department* or the *Commission*, from time to time, notifies.

#### 16AAA Pharmaceutical benefits supplied under a special arrangement

- (1) A *Community Pharmacist* will be required to supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to an *Eligible Person* under a *special arrangement* if:
  - (a) the supply is made in accordance with the conditions specified in the *National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020* as in force from time to time:
    - (i) as if the supply under the *Scheme* is a supply covered by the instrument; and
    - (ii) the instrument has effect under subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of this section; and
    - (iii) to the extent that those conditions are applicable to the supply; and
    - (iv) the supply of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* occurs before the repeal of the *National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020*;
  - (b) the supply otherwise conforms to this section.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) of this section, the *National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020* has effect in accordance with the following table.



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**Modified effect of the *National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020* instrument**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 The instrument has effect as if a reference to ...</b>	<b>Column 2 were a reference to ...</b>
1	a paper-based repeat authorisation	<i>a repeat authorisation form</i>
2	a PBS prescriber	a person who prescribes a <i>Pharmaceutical benefit</i> under the <i>Scheme</i>
3	a pharmaceutical benefit	<i>a Pharmaceutical benefit</i>
4	an approved hospital authority	<i>an Approved Hospital Authority</i>
5	an approved pharmacist	<i>a Community Pharmacist</i>
6	a CTS claim	a claim under the <i>claims rules</i>
7	Part VII of the Act	<i>the Scheme</i>
8	section 44 of the Regulations	section 16 of the <i>Scheme</i>
9	subsections 40(1), (2) and (2A) of the Regulations	subsections 11A(1) and (1A) of the <i>Scheme</i>
10	subsection 40(2) of the Regulations	subsection 11A(1) of the <i>Scheme</i>

*Further modifications of the instrument*

- (3) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if the definition of “approved hospital authority” in subsection 6(1) of the instrument is omitted.
- (4) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if the definition of “approved hospital authority dispenser” in subsection 6(1) of the instrument is replaced with the following:
- approved hospital authority dispenser*** means the *Community Pharmacist* or *approved medical practitioner* by whom, or under whose supervision, a *Pharmaceutical benefit* supplied by an *Approved Hospital Authority* will be dispensed.
- (5) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if the definition of “CTS claim” in subsection 6(1) of the instrument is omitted.
- (6) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if the definition of “medication chart prescription” in subsection 6(1) of the instrument is replaced with the following:
- medication chart prescription*** has the same meaning as in the *Scheme*.
- (7) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if the definition of “paper-based prescription” in subsection 6(1) of the instrument is replaced with the following:
- paper-based prescription*** has the same meaning as in the *Scheme*.

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- (8) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if section 8 of the instrument is replaced with the following:

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A provision of the *Scheme* applies subject to this Special Arrangement.

- (9) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if subsection 9(1) was omitted and replaced with the following:
- (1) Division 2 of Part 2 of this Special Arrangement applies to the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit by an approved supplier based on a paper-based prescription (excluding a medication chart prescription) written as the result of a telehealth attendance or phone attendance provided on or after 20 March 2020 to which an item in a *Fee Schedule* (a document incorporated as in force from time to time for the purposes of the *Treatment Principles*) applies.
- (10) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if subsection 9(4) of the instrument is omitted.
- (11) The *special arrangement* referred to in paragraph (1)(a) has effect as if subsection 10(4) of the instrument is replaced with the following:
- (4) If the prescription is or would be an *authority prescription*, the supplier may supply the *Pharmaceutical benefit* under this section only if *prior approval* has been obtained.

**16AA Supply of pharmaceutical benefit on basis of medication chart prescription**

- (1) A *Pharmaceutical benefit* may only be supplied on the basis of a *medication chart prescription* by:
- (a) if the person in respect of whom the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is to be supplied is receiving treatment in or at a *residential care service* – a *Community Pharmacist*; or
- (b) if the person in respect of whom the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is to be supplied is receiving treatment in or at an *approved hospital*—a *Community Pharmacist* or the *Approved Hospital Authority*.
- (2) A *Community Pharmacist* may supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* on the basis of a *medication chart prescription* only if:
- (a) the *Community Pharmacist* has seen:
- (i) the *medication chart* by which the prescription was written; or
- (ii) a copy of so much of the chart as would indicate that subsections 11B(3) and (4) (if applicable) have been complied with; and
- (b) the date on which the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is supplied is:
- (i) during the period of validity of the *medication chart*; and
- (ii) no later than the stop date (if any) indicated in the prescription; and

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- (c) the *Community Pharmacist* writes on the *medication chart* or the copy of the chart, the following for the supply:
- (i) the *Community Pharmacist's* name and any approval number under section 16 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*;
  - (ii) an identification number for the supply;
  - (iii) the date on which the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is supplied.

- (3) For paragraph (2)(b), the period of validity of a *medication chart* for a person receiving treatment in or at a *residential care service*:
- (a) starts on the day in a calendar month (the **first calendar month**) when the first prescription for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* is written in the *medication chart*; and
  - (b) ends on the last day of the third calendar month that starts after the first calendar month.

Example: The first prescription is written in a medication chart on 11 June. The period of validity of the medication chart starts on 11 June and ends on 30 September.

Note: **calendar month** is defined in section 2B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

- (3A) For paragraph (2)(b), the period of validity of a *medication chart* for a person receiving treatment in or at a hospital:
- (a) starts on the day when the first prescription for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* is written in the chart; and
  - (b) ends at the end of the day specified in the chart as the day on which the chart's period of validity ends (see paragraph 11B(3)(f)).
- (4) A *Community Pharmacist* may supply up to a maximum quantity of a Pharmaceutical item or *Pharmaceutical benefit* more than once on the basis of a particular *medication chart prescription* for the *Pharmaceutical benefit* only if:
- (a) the prescription indicates that an ongoing supply of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is authorised for the period of validity of the chart; or
  - (b) the prescription indicates a stop date for the supply of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* and, based on the dose and frequency of administration of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* indicated in the prescription, more than one supply of a maximum quantity of the Pharmaceutical item or *Pharmaceutical benefit* is needed before the stop date is reached.

Note: See paragraph 85A(2)(a) of the *National Health Act 1953*, the PBS Schedule, and the RPBS Schedule, in relation to maximum quantities of pharmaceutical items or pharmaceutical benefits.

- (5) If paragraphs (4)(a) and (b) do not apply, a *Community Pharmacist* may only supply the quantity of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* needed to give effect to the prescription, up to a maximum quantity of the pharmaceutical item or *Pharmaceutical benefit*.

Note: The following information entered in the prescription may also indicate the quantity of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is needed:

- (a) the dose and frequency of administration of the *Pharmaceutical benefit*;

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(b) the date of prescribing, or the start date (if any) for administration of the Pharmaceutical benefit;

(c) the stop date (if any) for administration of the Pharmaceutical benefit.

(6) However, for a supply:

- (a) on the basis of a prescription mentioned in paragraph (4)(a); or
- (b) mentioned in paragraph (5);

a *Community Pharmacist* may supply up to a maximum quantity of the pharmaceutical item or *Pharmaceutical benefit* even if the period of validity of the *medication chart* will end before administration of that quantity in accordance with the prescription would finish.

## Continued Dispensing

### 16A When Pharmaceutical benefits may be supplied by Community Pharmacists without prescription

*Pharmaceutical benefits covered by PBS and National Health Act section 89A instruments*

- (1) A *Community Pharmacist* may, at or from premises in respect of which the pharmacist is for the time being approved under the *National Health Act 1953*, supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to an *Eligible Person* without a *prescription* for that supply if:
  - (a) the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is covered by the *Scheme* and an instrument in force under subsection 89A(3) of the *National Health Act 1953*; and
  - (b) the supply is made in accordance with the conditions specified in the instrument:
    - (i) as if the supply under the *Scheme* is a supply covered by the instrument; and
    - (ii) as the instrument has effect under subsection (1B) of this section; and
  - (c) the supply otherwise conforms to this section.

*Certain Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by PBS*

- (1A) A *Community Pharmacist* may, at or from premises in respect of which the pharmacist is for the time being approved under the *National Health Act 1953*, supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to an *Eligible Person* without a *prescription* for that supply if:
  - (a) the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is specified in the table in Schedule 2; and
  - (b) the supply is made in accordance with the conditions specified in the *National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Determination 2020*:
    - (i) as if the supply under the *Scheme* is a supply covered by that instrument; and
    - (ii) as that instrument has effect under subsection (1B) of this section; and
    - (iii) to the extent that those conditions are applicable to the supply; and

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(c) the supply otherwise conforms to this section.

*Modified effect of National Health Act section 89A instruments*

- (1B) For the purposes of subparagraphs (1)(b)(ii) and (1A)(b)(ii) of this section, an instrument in force under subsection 89A(3) of the *National Health Act 1953* has effect in accordance with the following table.

<b>Modified effect of National Health Act section 89A instruments</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 The instrument has effect as if a reference to ...</b>	<b>Column 2 were a reference to ...</b>
1	a PBS prescriber	a person who prescribes a <i>Pharmaceutical benefit</i> under the <i>Scheme</i>
2	a pharmaceutical benefit	a <i>Pharmaceutical benefit</i>
3	a pharmaceutical item	a <i>Pharmaceutical benefit</i>
4	an approved pharmacist	a <i>Community Pharmacist</i>
5	paragraph 85A(2)(a) of the Act	the <i>Scheme</i>
6	paragraph 89A(3)(a) of the Act	the <i>Scheme</i>
7	Part VII of the Act	the <i>Scheme</i>
8	subsection 89A(1) of the Act	the <i>Scheme</i>
9	a statement that particular conditions are satisfied	a statement that particular conditions, as they have effect under this subsection, are satisfied

*Other matters*

- (2) If a *Community Pharmacist* makes a supply in accordance with subsection (1) or (1A), then this *Scheme* applies in relation to the supply as if the *Eligible Person* had presented the pharmacist with a *prescription* that had been written in accordance with this *Scheme*.
- (3) The supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* in accordance with this section is a *continued dispensing supply*.
- (4) A *Community Pharmacist* must not supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under this section unless the pharmacist writes on the repeat authorisation form for the supply:
- (a) the pharmacist's name and approval number under section 16 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*; and
  - (b) an identification number for the supply; and
  - (c) the date on which the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is supplied by the pharmacist.

Note: a failure to observe these requirements means the supply is not a *continued dispensing supply*.

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- (5) For a *continued dispensing supply* a *Community Pharmacist* or *Approved Medical Practitioner* must collect the following information at the time of supply:
- (a) information about whether the patient is, at the time of the supply:
    - (i) a *concessional beneficiary* or a dependant of a *concessional beneficiary*; or
    - (ii) the holder of a *concession card* or *entitlement card*;
  - (b) for a person mentioned in subparagraph (a)(i)—the number specified on a card, issued by the Commonwealth, as an entitlement number (however described) in relation to the person;
  - (c) for a person mentioned in subparagraph (a)(ii)—the number of the *concession card* or *entitlement card*.
- (6) The *Community Pharmacist* or *Approved Medical Practitioner* must include the information collected under subsection (5) in the claim for a payment from the Commonwealth in relation to the supply using the Claims Transmission System, within the meaning given by subsection 99AAA(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.
- Note: a failure to observe these requirements means the supply is not a *continued dispensing supply*.
- (7) For the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* by a *Community Pharmacist* on the basis of a previous *prescription* from a *PBS prescriber* or *RPBS prescriber*, if the *PBS prescriber* or *RPBS prescriber* directed in the *prescription* the supply on one occasion of a quantity or number of units of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* allowable under subsection 88(6) of the *National Health Act 1953*, instead of directing a repeated supply, the direction does not apply for the purposes of the *continued dispensing supply*.
- (8) If, for a *continued dispensing supply*, a *Pharmaceutical benefit* is supplied a number of times greater than the number specified in the *prescription*, then subject to subsection 51(2) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* (the regulations), subregulation (3) or (4) of those regulations applies as if:
- (a) the person had presented the supplier with a *prescription* that:
    - (i) had been written by a *PBS prescriber* or *RPBS prescriber* in accordance with the *National Health Act 1953*, the regulations and the *Scheme*; and
    - (ii) did not include a *medicare number*; and
    - (iii) did not direct a repeated supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit*; and
  - (b) subparagraphs (3)(b)(ii) and (c)(ii) or (4)(b)(ii) and (c)(ii), of the regulations, were omitted, and the words ‘immediate supply necessary’ were required to be written on the repeat authorisation form for the supply; and
  - (c) subparagraphs (3)(b)(iii) and (c)(iii) or (4)(b)(iii) and (c)(iii), of the regulations, were omitted, and the supplier were required to sign the repeat authorisation form mentioned in paragraph (b).
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- (9) A *Community Pharmacist* must use a *repeat authorisation form* for the purposes of making a claim for a payment from the Commonwealth under section 99AAA of the Act in relation to a *continued dispensing supply*, however, the pharmacist must not use the form for authorising a repeated supply of the pharmaceutical benefit under this section.
- (10) For a *continued dispensing supply* a *Community Pharmacist* is to obtain, from the person receiving the *Pharmaceutical benefit* (whether or not for the person's own use), a written acknowledgement that the person has received the benefits but if it is not practicable for the pharmacist to obtain, from the person a written acknowledgement, the pharmacist must write on the *repeat authorisation form* for the supply:
- the date on which the *Pharmaceutical benefit* were supplied by the pharmacist; and
  - the reason why it was not practicable for the pharmacist to obtain the written acknowledgement.

### 16AB Information about status of person—continued dispensing and medication chart prescriptions

- This section applies in relation to:
  - the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to a person (the **patient**) by a *Community Pharmacist* (the **supplier**) under subsection 16A (continued dispensing); and
  - the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* by a *Community Pharmacist*, on the basis of a *medication chart prescription* written for a person (the **patient**);
- The supplier must collect the following information at the time of supply:
  - information about whether the patient is, at the time of the supply:
    - a *concessional beneficiary* or a dependant of a *concessional beneficiary*; or
    - the holder of a *concession card* or *entitlement card*;
  - for a person mentioned in subparagraph (a)(i)—the number specified on a card, issued by the Commonwealth, as an entitlement number (however described) in relation to the person;
  - for a person mentioned in subparagraph (a)(ii)—the number of the *concession card* or *entitlement card*.
- The supplier must include the information collected under subsection (2) in the claim for a payment from the Commonwealth in relation to the supply using the Claims Transmission System, within the meaning given by subsection 99AAA(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

### 17 Substitution of lesser priced alternative brand of drug

Where a valid *prescription*, issued by a *Medical Practitioner*, *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* or *Authorised Midwife*, prescribes a brand of drug listed on the *PBS* or *RPBS Schedule*, a *Community Pharmacist* may substitute, with the approval of the prescriber, a lesser priced alternative *PBS* or *RPBS* listed brand of the drug in

lieu of the brand prescribed and shall endorse the original, duplicate and repeat authorisation accordingly.

Note: an RPBS prescriber who is an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* may only prescribe a *Pharmaceutical benefit* listed on the *PBS* and a prescription by an *Authorised Midwife* or an *Authorised Nurse Practitioner* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is not available on the *PBS* is not recognised under the *Scheme*, even if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is available under the *Scheme* on the prescription of, say, an *Approved Medical Practitioner*.

## 18 Community Pharmacist to be satisfied as to entitlement

- (a) A *Community Pharmacist* shall not supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to a person on terms that are appropriate for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to a holder of a *Repatriation Health Card - For All Conditions*, a *Repatriation Health Card - For Specific Conditions* or a *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card*, unless the *Community Pharmacist* is satisfied that the person is entitled to receive the *Pharmaceutical benefit* on those terms.
- (b) Without limiting the generality of subparagraph (a), a *Community Pharmacist* may refuse to supply a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to a person on terms that are appropriate for the supply of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* to a holder of a *Repatriation Health Card - For All Conditions*, a *Repatriation Health Card - For Specific Conditions* or a *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card*, unless the person produces such a card to the *Community Pharmacist* that indicates that the person is entitled to receive the *Pharmaceutical benefit* on those terms.

## 19 Dispensing of deleted items

*Prescriptions*, including repeat authorisations, for items deleted from the *RPBS Schedule* or *PBS Schedule* may not be dispensed as *Pharmaceutical benefits* as from the date of effect of deletion, unless the prescriptions for the items comply with *Prior Approval* arrangements under this Part.

## 20 Use of forms as notified by the Department or the Commission

When supplying a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under this *Scheme* a *Community Pharmacist* will use and issue such forms, as are notified by the *Department* or the *Commission* from time to time, in the manner notified by the *Department* or the *Commission*.

## 21 Financial responsibility

- (1) In respect of each *Pharmaceutical benefit* provided to an *Eligible Person* under this *Scheme*, the *Commission* will accept financial responsibility for:
  - (a) subject to (b) all of the dispensed price but the *co-payment* that would be payable by the person if the person were a *concessional beneficiary*; or

Note 1: (a) deems the person to be a *concessional beneficiary* for the purposes of working out the *co-payment*.



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Note 2: *co-payments* not covered by the *pension supplement amount*, *veterans supplement* or *MRCA supplement* or *war widow/war widower pension* may be reimbursed under Part 5A up to the *safety net* amount for a person.

- (b) if the *safety net* applies to the person, all of the dispensed price.

**21A Dispensed Price for RPBS Schedule Pharmaceutical benefits**

- (1) The *Commission* is to decide the *dispensed price* for *Pharmaceutical benefits* included in the *RPBS Schedule* and the *Department* is to notify a *dispensed price* decided by the *Commission*.

Note (1): in practice a delegate of the *Commission* could decide the dispensed price.

Note (2): as at 1 January 2016 a Committee called the “Repatriation Pharmaceutical Reference Committee” established under the auspices of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs advised the Repatriation Commission on the listing of pharmaceutical benefits in the *RPBS Schedule*.

Note (3): sections 4 and 5 explain the process of notification for the purposes of the *Scheme*.

- (2) The *dispensed price* in (1) is to be comprised of:

- (a) the ex manufacturer price – being the price the *Commission* and the responsible person for the brand of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* have agreed, by reference to the quantity of the *Pharmaceutical benefit*, is to be the price at which the manufacturer sells the *Pharmaceutical benefit* in the context of the *Scheme* (approved ex manufacturer price); and

Note: in practice a delegate of the *Commission* could enter into the agreement.

- (b) the following amounts worked out as if the *Pharmaceutical benefit* is included in the *PBS* and the amount worked out under the *PBS* and the *Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement* except that the approved ex manufacturer price is ascertained under the *Scheme*:

- (i) the wholesale mark-up – being the mark-up on the approved ex manufacturer price of a ready-prepared *Pharmaceutical benefit* (approved wholesale price);
- (ii) the administration, handling and infrastructure fee;  
Note: previously this fee was known as the pharmacy mark-up.
- (iii) the dispensing fee (for a ready-prepared *Pharmaceutical benefit* or a extemporaneously-prepared *Pharmaceutical benefit* (as the case may be));
- (iv) any dangerous drug fee (for a ready-prepared *Pharmaceutical benefit*).

Note: see clause 4 (Commonwealth price) of the *Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement* for the amounts mentioned above.

**22 Refund in certain circumstances**

- (1) Where:

- (a) a *Community Pharmacist* charges an *Eligible Person* an amount in respect of the provision of a *Pharmaceutical benefit*; and
- (b) information indicating the person’s eligibility under this *Scheme* was not supplied to the *Community Pharmacist*; and

- (c) the *Commission* is satisfied that, in the circumstances, the person should be treated as if the relevant information had been supplied,

the person is entitled to be paid by the Commonwealth an amount equal to any amount that the person paid that would not have been payable if the relevant information had been supplied.

### **23 Expenses incurred in obtaining Pharmaceutical Benefits while not in receipt of a pharmaceutical allowance**

- (1) Where a person would have been eligible to receive a pharmaceutical allowance under paragraph 118A(1)(c) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* during a period, but the *Department*:

- (a) did not have the information needed to enable the *Commission* to make payment of the pharmaceutical allowance; and
  - (b) has obtained that information since that period and after 30 June 1992; and

the person:

- (c) was not in receipt of that allowance during that period; and
  - (d) has incurred expenses in obtaining *Pharmaceutical benefits* during that period which could be obtained under this *Scheme*; and
  - (e) has provided material which satisfies the *Commission* that the person has incurred those expenses,

the *Commission* may reimburse the person for any or all of those expenses. The maximum amount which may be reimbursed is the amount that the person would have been entitled to receive by way of pharmaceutical allowance during that period had the *Department* had the information needed to enable the *Commission* to make payment of the allowance.

## Part 4—Claims by Community Pharmacists

### 24 Lodgement of Claims by Community Pharmacists

Claims by *Community Pharmacists* under this Part shall be made in accordance with section 99AAA of the *National Health Act 1953* as though references in that section, and in the rules made under that section which relate to the supply of and payment for *Pharmaceutical benefits* under that Act and its Regulations, were references to the supply of, and payment for, *Pharmaceutical benefits*, except that:

- (a) *prescriptions* for the supply of *Pharmaceutical benefits* under this Part shall be marked in the S section or S sections (as defined in those rules) with one or more serial numbers allotted in respect of each *Pharmaceutical benefit* commencing at “R1” in each claim and continuing consecutively in respect of that claim;
- (b) these *prescriptions* shall be collected into one bundle, separate to the four bundles provided for in those rules, with the prescriptions sorted into the order of the serial numbers allocated under subparagraph (a), with the least serial number at the top of the bundle; and
- (c) the information to be provided to the Secretary to the Department that administers the *National Health Act 1953*, in respect of each supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* shall include a Form Category (within the meaning of the schedule to those rules) with a value of “8” where the *Pharmaceutical benefit* was supplied on an original authority prescription or “9” where the *Pharmaceutical benefit* was supplied on a repeat authority prescription, and a Payment Category (within the meaning of that schedule) with a value of “4”.

Note (1): this provision incorporates into the *Scheme*, among other relevant “*National Health Act 1953* requirements” (particularly the requirements in the *claims rules* made under subsections 98AC(4) and 99AAA(8) of the *National Health Act 1953*), the requirement for a claimant to include a “supply certification form” with a claim (manual and electronic).

Note (2): if a claim is made electronically, the supply certification form is to be given electronically (*claims rules*).

Note (3): for electronic claims, prescriptions need not be provided (*claims rules*).

### 25 Claims Requirements and Payment

- (1) The payment of a claim under the *Scheme* is subject to:
  - (a) compliance with the *Scheme*, in particular section 24; and
  - (b) submission of a completed supply certification form under the *claims rules*.

## **Part 5—Payments to Community Pharmacists**

### **26 Payment of Dispensed Price**

The amount payable to a *Community Pharmacist* for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under the *Scheme* is the *dispensed price*.

Note: the dispensed price includes a dispensing fee.

### **30 Fees not payable in some circumstances**

The *dispensed price* may not be payable to a *Community Pharmacist* where that person does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph 18 and supplies *Pharmaceutical benefits* to a person who is not an *Eligible Person*.

### **31 Community Pharmacist not entitled to demand or receive payments**

A *Community Pharmacist* is not entitled to demand of, or receive from, a person in receipt of a *Pharmaceutical benefit*, payment in money or a valuable consideration for goods and services rendered under this *Scheme* except:

- (a) for goods or services that are provided in an emergency; or
- (b) for payment of an after-hours fee; or
- (c) for payment for packaging material, postage or freight; or
- (d) for payment that represents the required payment under the *PBS* of the price difference between the drug prescribed and supplied and the lowest priced brand of the same drug listed on the *PBS Schedule*; or
- (e) where payment represents the difference between the Commonwealth's financial responsibility for the provision of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* and the dispensed price of the *Pharmaceutical benefit* supplied.

### **32 Community Pharmacist to issue receipt where certain payments received**

Where a payment is received, under any of subparagraphs 31(a), (b), (c) or (d), from a person in receipt of a *Pharmaceutical benefit*, the *Community Pharmacist* is required to issue that person an official receipt which states:

- (a) the goods and/or services provided; and
- (b) the date of receipt of those goods and/or services by the person.

## Part 5A—Pharmaceutical Reimbursement

### Definitions:

In this Part:

**member** means a person eligible under the *MRCA Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* for the payment known as the “pharmaceutical reimbursement”.

**veteran** means an *Eligible Person* eligible for payment of a *pharmaceutical reimbursement*.

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The *Commission* may, subject to this Part, accept financial responsibility for the *pharmaceutical reimbursement*.

Note: if the *Commission* accepts financial responsibility for a cost in relation to the provision of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* to an *Eligible Person*, the Commonwealth pays that cost.

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The pharmaceutical reimbursement is a financial amount that would compensate an *Eligible Person* for out-of-pocket expenses:

- (a) that the person incurred in respect of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* provided under this *Scheme*; or
- (b) that the person incurred in respect of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* provided other than under this *Scheme* but provided on or from a date when the *Commission* accepted liability to provide treatment to the person under the *Act*.

Note 1: under the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* words in the singular number (e.g. *Pharmaceutical benefit*) include the plural and words in the plural number include the singular.

Note 2: paragraph (b) covers what are known as “MEPIs” (Medical Expenses Privately Incurred). Under the *Act* eligibility for treatment can be backdated for 3 months before a claim for pension is received and treatment costs incurred in that period e.g. co-payments for *Pharmaceutical benefits*, may be met by the *Department*.

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The amount of pharmaceutical reimbursement is worked out under 39.

### 36 Eligibility for Payment of Pharmaceutical Reimbursement

- (1) To be eligible for payment of the pharmaceutical reimbursement an *Eligible Person* must:
  - (a) have rendered qualifying service; and
  - (b) suffer from an *accepted disability*; and

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- (c) receive pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Act* in respect of the *accepted disability*.
  - (2) For the purposes of (1)(c), a person is taken to receive pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Act* if, apart from section 25A, Division 5A of Part II and section 74 of the *Act*, the person would receive a rate of pension greater than nil.

### **37 Calculation of annual value of pharmaceutical allowance component of Pension Supplement, Veterans Supplement, MRCA supplement**

The annual value of the pharmaceutical allowance component is calculated as follows:

- (a) for a *veteran* in receipt of *veterans supplement* or *MRCA supplement* at different times throughout the year, the amount of \$6 per fortnight, indexed according to section 198F of the *Act*:
  - (i) as if the amount of \$6 is the dollar amount in subsection 198F(1);
  - (ii) since September 2009 (i.e. once annually since 1 January 2010), calculated at a daily rate and valued according to the number of days in the calendar year *veterans supplement* or *MRCA supplement* was payable;
- (b) subject to (c), for a *veteran* in receipt of an *income support payment* or an *income support payment under the Social Security Act 1991* that, respectively, attracts *pension supplement*, or *social security pension supplement* greater than the basic amount of *pension supplement*, the amount of \$6 per fortnight, indexed according to Division 18 of Part IIIB of the *Act*:
  - (i) as if the amount of \$6 is an amount of PS rate (pension supplement rate) in Item 1A of the CPI Indexation Table in section 59B;
  - (ii) since September 2009 (i.e. each 20 March and 20 September commencing 20 March 2010), calculated at a daily rate and valued according to the number of days in the calendar year *pension supplement* was payable;

Note: this provision could also apply to a veteran who is a member of a couple.

- (c) for a *veteran* in receipt of *pension supplement* who is a member of a couple:
  - (i) if the veteran's partner does not receive an *income support payment* that attracts *pension supplement* or an *income support payment under the Social Security Act 1991* that attracts *social security pension supplement* greater than the basic amount of *pension supplement*—50% of the amount in (b); or
  - (ii) if the veteran and partner are an illness separated couple—the amount in (b); or
  - (iii) if the veteran and partner are not an illness separated couple but the veteran's partner is a *veteran* or a *member*—50% of the amount in (b);
- (d) for a *veteran* who is a war widow/war widower—pensioner, the amount of \$6 per fortnight, indexed according to Division 18 of Part IIIB of the *Act*:

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- (i) as if the amount of \$6 is an amount of PS rate (pension supplement rate) in Item 1A of the CPI Indexation Table in section 59B;
- (ii) since September 2009 (i.e. each 20 March and 20 September commencing 20 March 2010), calculated at a daily rate and valued according to the number of days in the calendar year the person was a war widow/war-widower—pensioner.

Note: a pharmaceutical allowance component calculated under (d) may be in addition to a pharmaceutical allowance component calculated under (b) or (c) and the sum of all the pharmaceutical allowance components could reduce the amount of the pharmaceutical reimbursement.

Note: the following terms are defined in the *Act*:

***member of a couple***—5E(2).

***partner***—5E(1).

***war widow/war-widower—pensioner***—5Q(1).

### 38 Payment of Pharmaceutical Reimbursement

- (1) On and after 1 January 2013 the *pharmaceutical reimbursement* is payable to a person eligible for it under this Part.
- (2) Subject to (3), the *pharmaceutical reimbursement* is payable in the first quarter in each calendar year in respect of *co-payments* the person made for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* under this *Scheme* in the previous calendar year – not being a calendar year before 1 January 2012.

Note: calendar year is defined in section 2B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

- (3) The *pharmaceutical reimbursement* is not payable for a person in the first quarter in a calendar year as mentioned in (2) if the data necessary to calculate the payment for the person is not available to the *Department* in which case the *pharmaceutical reimbursement* is payable to the person as soon as practicable after the data is available.

### 38A Five Year Limit on Payment of Pharmaceutical Reimbursement

- (1) Unless the *Commission* is of the opinion that there are special circumstances, a *pharmaceutical reimbursement* shall not be paid in respect of *co-payments* incurred by a person more than 5 calendar years before the *Commission* decision to accept financial responsibility for the *pharmaceutical reimbursement* for the person.
- (2) If the *Commission* decides there are special circumstances in relation to a person, then it is to determine a date on and from which *co-payments* are to be counted for the *pharmaceutical reimbursement* for the person.

### 39 Pharmaceutical Reimbursement Calculator

- (1) The *pharmaceutical reimbursement* for an *Eligible Person* is worked out as follows:

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*Step 1* add the *co-payments* for the *Pharmaceutical benefits* incurred by the person in the previous calendar year (sum of *co-payments*) up to the threshold of payments according to the *safety net* and disregarding any uncounted *co-payment*.

*Step 2* compare the sum of *co-payments* with the sum of the pharmaceutical allowance component of the *veterans supplement*, *MRCA supplement*, *pension supplement* and *war widow/war widower pension* payable to the person in respect of the previous calendar year.

*Step 3* if the sum of *co-payments* (amount 1) exceeds the sum of the pharmaceutical allowance component of the *veterans supplement*, *MRCA supplement*, *pension supplement* and *war widow/war widower pension* payable (amount 2), the amount by which amount 1 exceeds amount 2 is the pharmaceutical reimbursement for the person.

Note: the amount of any of these payments may be zero.

#### **40 Uncounted Co-Payment**

- (1) For the Pharmaceutical Reimbursement Calculator an uncounted *co-payment* is a *co-payment* for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* where the *co-payment* is not counted for the purposes of the *safety net* applying to the person.

Note: included here are co-payments for *Pharmaceutical benefits* dispensed under the “Safety Net 20 Day Rule” (subsection 84C(4AA)) of the *National Health Act 1953*.



## Part 5B—Under Co-payment Data Collection

### 40A Giving information

- (1) A *Community Pharmacist* who gives information to the *Secretary* in relation to the supply, under the *Scheme*, of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* by the pharmacist to an *Eligible Person*, is taken to have given that information under, and for the purposes of, the *Scheme*, provided that:
- (a) no claim for payment is made by the *Community Pharmacist* on the *Commission* or *Department* for dispensing the *Pharmaceutical benefit*; and
  - (b) the dispensing price of the *pharmaceutical benefit* is less than, or equal to, the *co-payment* that would have been paid by the *Eligible Person* for the *pharmaceutical benefit* if it had been dispensed at a price for which a *co-payment* is payable; and
  - (c) the information is given in accordance with the requirements, to the extent applicable, that apply under section 98C of the *National Health Act 1953* to an *approved supplier* giving information to the *Secretary* in relation to the supply to a person of a pharmaceutical benefit, as if references in section 98C to an *approved supplier* and a pharmaceutical benefit are references to, respectively, a *Community Pharmacist* and a *Pharmaceutical benefit* and the pharmaceutical benefit has been supplied under the *Scheme*.

Note: a *Community Pharmacist* includes an *Approved Hospital Authority*.

## Part 6—Miscellaneous

### 41 Standards

The minimum acceptable standard for a *Pharmaceutical benefit* is that described in the regulations under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* which relate to specific standards for drugs.

### 45 Keeping documents-other than for continued dispensing or medication chart prescriptions

- (1) If a *Community Pharmacist* supplies a *Pharmaceutical benefit*, other than a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is:
  - (a) a dangerous drug (defined below); or
  - (b) supplied under section 16A (continued dispensing); or
  - (c) supplied on the basis of a medication chart prescription;

the *Community Pharmacist* must keep a document specified in subsection (2) that relates to the supply for at least 2 years after the supply.
- (2) For subsection (1), the following documents are specified:
  - (a) in the case of supply upon a prescription not bearing instructions to supply the *Pharmaceutical benefit* more than once:
    - (i) for a paper-based prescription—the pharmacist/patient copy and the Medicare Australia/DVA copy; or
    - (ii) for an electronic prescription—the electronic prescription, or a copy of the electronic prescription;
  - (ab) in the case of supply upon a prescription bearing instructions to supply the *Pharmaceutical benefit* more than once, if it is supplied on the first occasion on which supply is authorised:
    - (i) for a paper-based prescription—the Medicare Australia/DVA copy ; or
    - (ii) for an electronic prescription—the electronic prescription, or a copy of the electronic prescription and the repeat authorisation;
  - (ac) in the case of supply upon a prescription bearing instructions to supply the *Pharmaceutical benefit* more than once, if it is supplied other than on the first or last occasion on which supply is authorised:
    - (i) for a paper-based prescription—the repeat authorisation for the most recent previous supply; or
    - (ii) for an electronic prescription—the electronic prescription, or a copy of the electronic prescription and the repeat authorisation for the most recent previous supply;
  - (b) in the case of supply upon a prescription bearing instructions to supply the *Pharmaceutical benefit* more than once, if it is supplied on the last occasion on which supply is authorised:

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- (i) for a paper-based prescription—the pharmacist/patient copy and the repeat authorisation for the most recent previous supply; or
- (ii) for an electronic prescription—the electronic prescription, or a copy of the electronic prescription and the repeat authorisation for the most recent previous supply;

Note: The document may be kept in an electronic form (see subsection 12(2) of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*).

- (3) In this section:

**dangerous drug** means a drug or medicinal preparation in respect of which the law of the State or Territory in which the prescription is written provides that a pharmacist who dispenses that drug or medicinal preparation, or who dispenses it on the last of a number of occasions of supply indicated in a prescription for its supply, must take possession of the prescription and cancel it or deliver it to the authority administering that law.

#### 45A Keeping documents—continued dispensing

- (1) If a Community Pharmacist supplies a Pharmaceutical benefit to a person under section 16A (continued dispensing), the pharmacist is to keep the following information for at least 2 years from the date on which the Pharmaceutical benefit was supplied by the Community Pharmacist:
- (a) the information that supports the claim for payment made under section 24 (in effect, under section 99AAA of the *National Health Act 1953*) in relation to the supply of the Pharmaceutical benefit including the repeat authorisation form;
  - (b) the information, about the supply of the Pharmaceutical benefit, that is given to the *RPBS prescriber* who most recently prescribed the Pharmaceutical benefit to the person.

Note: The document may be kept in an electronic form (see subsection 12(2) of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*).

#### 45B Keeping documents—medication chart prescriptions

- (1) If a Community Pharmacist supplies a Pharmaceutical benefit on the basis of a medication chart prescription, the pharmacist is to keep the medication chart, or a copy of the medication chart on which the Community Pharmacist wrote the details mentioned in paragraph 16AA(2)(c) in relation to the prescription, for at least 2 years from the date of supply.

Note: The document may be kept in an electronic form (see subsection 12(2) of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*).

**46 Agreement with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia**

The *Commission* may enter into agreements concerning the administration of this Part with The Pharmacy Guild of Australia and, subject to this Part, shall abide by such agreements.

**47 Transitional provision relating to the Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes (Electronic Prescriptions and Active Ingredient Prescribing) Amendment Instrument 2019**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a prescription for the supply of a *Pharmaceutical benefit* that is written before 1 November 2020.
- (2) Despite the amendments of section 11A of the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* made by Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the *Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes (Electronic Prescriptions and Active Ingredient Prescribing) Amendment Instrument 2019*, a prescription that is not a *medication chart prescription* is taken to have been written in accordance with section 11A if the prescription is written in accordance with that section as in force immediately before 31 October 2019.
- (3) Despite the amendments of section 11B of the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* made by Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the *Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes (Electronic Prescriptions and Active Ingredient Prescribing) Amendment Instrument 2019*, a prescription that is a *medication chart prescription* is taken to have been written in accordance with section 11B if the prescription is written in accordance with that section as in force immediately before 31 October 2019.

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## Schedule 1 — Incorporated documents

The following documents are incorporated by reference into the *Scheme* in the form in which they exist from time to time:

- *Explanatory Notes*

<http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/healthpro/explanatory-notes>

- *RPBS Explanatory Notes*

<https://www.pbs.gov.au/info/browse/rpbs/rpbs-explanatorynotes>

- *PBS or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme*

<http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/publications>

- *RPBS Schedule*

<http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/rpbs>

Note: “RPBS Schedule” is defined to mean the Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits which is further defined.

- *Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement*

[https://www.guild.org.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/6100/6cpa-final-24-may-201558b59133c06d6d6b9691ff000026bd16.pdf](https://www.guild.org.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/6100/6cpa-final-24-may-201558b59133c06d6d6b9691ff000026bd16.pdf)

## Schedule 2—Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by PBS—continued dispensing

Note: See paragraph 16A(1A)(a).

### 1 Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by PBS—continued dispensing

The following table specifies *Pharmaceutical benefits* for the purposes of paragraph 16A(1A)(a).

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
01905G	dressing alginate cavity wound	dressing alginate cavity wound 2 g rope, 5 x 2 g
02191H	risedronate	risedronate sodium 35 mg enteric tablet, 4
02194L	alendronate + colecalciferol	alendronate 70 mg + colecalciferol 70 microgram (2800 units) tablet, 4
02224C	alendronate + colecalciferol	alendronate 70 mg + colecalciferol 140 microgram (5600 units) tablet, 4
02439J	dressing foam with silicone and silver	dressing foam with silicone and silver 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
02445Q	dressing hydrofibre gelling fibre	dressing hydrofibre gelling fibre 15 cm x 15 cm dressing, 5
02462N	dressing hydrofibre gelling fibre	dressing hydrofibre gelling fibre 2 cm x 45 cm rope, 5
02464Q	ingenol mebutate	ingenol mebutate 0.015% gel, 3 x 470 mg
02468X	ingenol mebutate	ingenol mebutate 0.05% gel, 2 x 470 mg
02470B	dressing foam with silicone and silver	dressing foam with silicone and silver 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
02471C	dressing hydrogel	dressing hydrogel 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 20
02486W	dressing hydrofibre gelling fibre	dressing hydrofibre gelling fibre 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
02512F	dressing hydrogel ribbon	dressing hydrogel ribbon 1 cm x 50 cm dressing, 20
02525X	betaine + polyaminopropyl biguanide	betaine 0.1% + polyaminopropyl biguanide 0.1% solution, 6 x 40 mL ampoules
02529D	dressing hydrogel ribbon	dressing hydrogel ribbon 5 cm x 200 cm dressing, 10
02533H	dressing hydrogel foam	dressing hydrogel foam 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
02797F	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
02803M	dressing hydrofibre	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates 15 cm x

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
	alternate to alginates	15 cm dressing, 5
04001N	nystatin	nystatin 100 000 units/g cream, 15 g
04004R	clotrimazole	clotrimazole 1% cream, 20 g
04010C	amorolfine	amorolfine 5% solution, 5 mL
04011D	terbinafine	terbinafine 250 mg tablet, 42
04013F	nystatin	nystatin 20 000 units/g vaginal cream, 75 g
04016J	clotrimazole	clotrimazole 1% vaginal cream, 35 g
04017K	clotrimazole	clotrimazole 2% vaginal cream, 20 g
04022Q	methyl salicylate + eucalyptus oil + menthol	methyl salicylate 25% + eucalyptus oil 10% + menthol 4% cream, 100 g
04023R	methyl salicylate	methyl salicylate 50% ointment, 100 g
04026X	methyl salicylate	methyl salicylate 25% liniment, 100 mL
04028B	docusate + sennoside B	docusate sodium 50 mg + sennoside B 8 mg tablet, 100
04029C	pseudoephedrine	pseudoephedrine hydrochloride 60 mg tablet, 12
04039N	zinc oxide + peru balsam + benzyl benzoate	zinc oxide 10.75% + peru balsam 1.88% + benzyl benzoate 1.25% ointment, 50 g
04040P	zinc oxide + peru balsam + benzyl benzoate	zinc oxide 300 mg + peru balsam 50 mg + benzyl benzoate 33 mg suppository, 12
04041Q	wool alcohols	wool alcohols 6% ointment, 100 g
04042R	urea	urea 10% cream, 100 g
04043T	thiamine	thiamine hydrochloride 100 mg tablet, 100
04046Y	diclofenac	diclofenac sodium 3% gel, 25 g
04049D	bicarbonate + citric acid + tartaric acid	sodium bicarbonate 1.76 g + sodium citrate 630 mg + citric acid 720 mg + tartaric acid 890 mg powder for oral liquid, 28 x 4 g sachets
04050E	bandage compression	bandage compression two layer bandage, 1
04059P	risedronate (&) calcium carbonate	risedronate sodium 35 mg tablet [4] (&) calcium (as carbonate) 500 mg tablet [24], 28
04070F	tamsulosin	tamsulosin hydrochloride 400 microgram modified release tablet, 30
04071G	pholcodine	pholcodine 1 mg/mL oral liquid, 100 mL
04074K	ammonium + senega root	ammonium bicarbonate 25 mg/mL + senega root 25 mg/mL oral liquid, 200 mL
04076M	aspirin	aspirin 100 mg tablet, 90
04077N	aspirin	aspirin 100 mg enteric tablet, 84
04078P	aspirin	aspirin 100 mg enteric capsule, 84
04082W	calcium	calcium tablet 600 mg (as carbonate), 120
04089F	ipratropium	ipratropium bromide monohydrate 22 microgram/actuation nasal spray, 180 actuations
04090G	ipratropium	ipratropium bromide monohydrate 44

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
		microgram/actuation nasal spray, 180 actuations
04092J	budesonide	budesonide 64 microgram/actuation nasal spray, 120 actuations
04107E	skin emollient	skin emollient lotion 500 mL, 1
04115N	azithromycin	azithromycin 500 mg tablet, 3
04122Y	skin emollient	skin emollient bath oil 500 mL, 1
04131K	betamethasone valerate	betamethasone (as valerate) 0.1% cream, 30 g
04132L	betamethasone valerate	betamethasone (as valerate) 0.1% ointment, 30 g
04134N	imiquimod	imiquimod 5% cream, 12 x 250 mg sachets
04142B	calcium	calcium tablet 600 mg (as carbonate), 120
04144D	buspirone	buspirone hydrochloride 5 mg tablet, 50
04145E	buspirone	buspirone hydrochloride 10 mg tablet, 50
04150K	bromazepam	bromazepam 3 mg tablet, 30
04151L	bromazepam	bromazepam 6 mg tablet, 30
04161B	chlorhexidine	chlorhexidine gluconate 0.2% mouthwash, 250 mL
04175R	cetirizine	cetirizine hydrochloride 10 mg tablet, 30
04176T	carbamide peroxide	carbamide peroxide 6.5% ear drops, 12 mL
04179Y	clopidogrel	clopidogrel 75 mg tablet, 28
04180B	ortho-dichlorobenzene + para-dichlorobenzene + chlorobutanol + arachis oil	ortho-dichlorobenzene 14% + para-dichlorobenzene 2% + chlorobutanol hemihydrate 5% + arachis oil 57% ear drops, 10 mL
04196W	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04199B	docusate	docusate sodium 0.5% ear drops, 10 mL
04200C	docusate	docusate sodium 50 mg tablet, 100
04204G	chlorhexidine	chlorhexidine gluconate 0.2% mouthwash, 300 mL
04207K	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm dressing, 10
04216X	flunitrazepam	flunitrazepam 1 mg tablet, 30
04222F	fluorouracil	fluorouracil 5% cream, 20 g
04230P	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04233T	finasteride	finasteride 5 mg tablet, 30
04237B	fexofenadine	fexofenadine hydrochloride 60 mg tablet, 20
04238C	fexofenadine	fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg tablet, 30
04239D	tape plaster adhesive with silicone	tape plaster adhesive with silicone 2 cm x 3 m tape, 1 roll
04240E	tape plaster adhesive with silicone	tape plaster adhesive with silicone 4 cm x 1.5 m tape, 1 roll



<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04243H	dressing non adherent	dressing self adhesive non-adherent dry absorbent dressings, non-woven, with silicone 5 cm x 7.5 cm, 10, 1
04244J	dressing non adherent	dressing self adhesive non-adherent dry absorbent dressings, non-woven, with silicone 7.5 cm x 10 cm, 10, 1
04246L	glycerol	glycerol 2.8 g suppository, 12
04252T	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm dressing, 10
04255Y	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04258D	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm dressing, 10
04259E	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04263J	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm dressing, 10
04266M	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04270R	dressing foam with silver	dressing foam with silver 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm dressing, 10
04275B	paracetamol + codeine	paracetamol 500 mg + codeine phosphate hemihydrate 8 mg tablet, 40
04277D	alfuzosin	alfuzosin hydrochloride 10 mg modified release tablet, 30
04279F	hyoscine butylbromide	hyoscine butylbromide 20 mg/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules
04280G	ichthammol + zinc oxide	ichthammol 1% + zinc oxide 15% ointment, 50 g
04281H	ichthammol	ichthammol 1% cream, 50 g
04284L	infliximab	infliximab 100 mg injection, 1 vial
04285M	dry psyllium husk	dry psyllium husk 3.5 g powder for oral liquid, 30 sachets
04286N	aspirin + codeine	aspirin 300 mg + codeine phosphate hemihydrate 8 mg dispersible tablet, 40
04290T	varденаfil	varденаfil 10 mg tablet, 4
04302K	varденаfil	varденаfil 20 mg tablet, 4
04303L	finasteride	finasteride 5 mg tablet, 28
04306P	lubricating agent	lubricating agent gel, 100 g
04307Q	sunscreens	sunscreens cream 75 g, 1
04308R	lidocaine (lignocaine)	lidocaine (lignocaine) hydrochloride 2% oral liquid, 200 mL
04313B	loratadine	loratadine 10 mg tablet, 30

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04321K	magnesium aspartate dihydrate	magnesium aspartate dihydrate 500 mg (magnesium 37.4 mg) tablet, 50
04325P	mebendazole	mebendazole 100 mg tablet, 6
04328T	mebeverine	mebeverine hydrochloride 135 mg tablet, 90
04342M	mometasone	mometasone furoate 0.1% cream, 50 g
04343N	mometasone	mometasone furoate 0.1% ointment, 50 g
04348W	mupirocin	mupirocin 2% cream, 15 g
04349X	morphine	morphine sulfate pentahydrate 200 mg modified release tablet, 28
04350Y	mupirocin	mupirocin 2% ointment, 15 g
04378K	oxymetazoline	oxymetazoline hydrochloride 0.05% nasal spray, 15 mL
04379L	oxymetazoline	oxymetazoline hydrochloride 0.05% nasal spray, 18 mL
04386W	salicylic acid + lactic acid	salicylic acid 16.7% + lactic acid 16.7% solution, 15 mL
04408B	tar + trolamine lauril sulfate	tar 2.3% + trolamine lauril sulfate 6% solution, 500 mL
04411E	povidone-iodine	povidone-iodine 10% solution, 100 mL
04419N	psyllium husk powder	psyllium hydrophilic mucilloid oral powder (orange-flavoured, sugar-free) 283 g, 1
04422R	psyllium husk powder	psyllium hydrophilic mucilloid oral powder (non-flavoured) 336 g, 1
04434J	acetic acid + hydroxyquinoline + ricinoleic acid	acetic acid 0.94% + oxyquinoline sulfate 0.025% + ricinoleic acid 0.75% vaginal gel, 100 g
04443W	risedronate	risedronate sodium 5 mg tablet, 28
04444X	risedronate	risedronate sodium 35 mg tablet, 4
04447C	tar + coal tar solution + salicylic acid	tar 1% + coal tar solution 1% + salicylic acid 2% solution, 250 mL
04452H	selenium sulfide	selenium sulfide 2.5% shampoo, 125 mL
04455L	sennoside B	sennoside B 7.5 mg tablet, 100
04460R	sodium chloride	sodium chloride 0.9% (4.5 g/500 mL) solution, 500 mL bottle
04461T	sodium chloride	sodium chloride 0.9% (9 g/L) solution, 1 L bottle
04462W	citric acid + lauryl sulfoacetate sodium + sorbitol	sodium citrate dihydrate 450 mg/5 mL + lauryl sulfoacetate sodium 45 mg/5 mL + sorbitol 3.125 g/5 mL enema, 4 x 5 mL
04463X	terbinafine	terbinafine 1% gel, 15 g
04468E	cromoglycate	sodium cromoglycate 2% nasal spray, 26 mL
04470G	sodium polystyrene sulfonate	sodium polystyrene sulfonate 999.3 mg/g powder, 454 g

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04473K	terbinafine	terbinafine hydrochloride 1% cream, 15 g
04481W	tolnaftate	tolnaftate 0.07% spray, 100 g
04493L	lysine + thiamine + pyridoxine + cyanocobalamin + ferric pyrophosphate	lysine hydrochloride 300 mg/10 mL + thiamine hydrochloride 10 mg/10 mL + pyridoxine hydrochloride 5 mg/10 mL + cyanocobalamin 25 microgram/10 mL + iron (as ferric pyrophosphate) 10 mg/10 mL oral liquid, 200 mL
04497Q	zinc oxide + maize starch + purified talc + chlorphenesin	zinc oxide 25% + maize starch 55.85% + purified talc 18.07% + chlorphenesin 1% powder, 100 g
04505D	coal tar solution + phenol + precipitated sulfur	coal tar solution 5% + phenol 0.5% + precipitated sulfur 0.5% gel, 30 g
04510J	panthenol	panthenol conditioner, 200 g
04518T	gelatin + pectin + carmellose sodium	gelatin 16.7% + pectin 16.7% + carmellose sodium 16.7% paste, 5 g
04522B	zopiclone	zopiclone 7.5 mg tablet, 30
04546G	sunscreens	sunscreens lotion (non-alcoholic) 125 mL, 1
04549K	light liquid paraffin + cocoamphodiacetate disodium	light liquid paraffin 3.5% + cocoamphodiacetate disodium 3% lotion, 500 mL
04558X	rhamnus frangula + sterculia	rhamnus frangula 80 mg/g + sterculia 620 mg/g granules, 500 g
04559Y	imiquimod	imiquimod 5% cream, 12 x 250 mg sachets
04560B	salicylic acid + benzalkonium chloride + alcohol + coal tar solution + polyoxyethylene ethers	salicylic acid with coal tar solution scalp cleanser 20 mg-50 mg per mL (2%-5%), 200 mL, 1
04570M	orlistat	orlistat 120 mg capsule, 84
04571N	nicotine	nicotine 7 mg/24 hours patch, 7
04572P	nicotine	nicotine 14 mg/24 hours patch, 7
04573Q	nicotine	nicotine 21 mg/24 hours patch, 7
04579B	alprostadil	alprostadil 10 microgram injection [1 chamber] (&) inert substance diluent [0.5 mL chamber], 2 dual chamber syringes
04580C	alprostadil	alprostadil 20 microgram injection [1 chamber] (&) inert substance diluent [0.5 mL chamber], 2 dual chamber syringes
04584G	sildenafil	sildenafil 25 mg tablet, 4
04585H	sildenafil	sildenafil 50 mg tablet, 4
04586J	sildenafil	sildenafil 100 mg tablet, 4
04590N	dressing foam moderate exudate	dressing foam moderate exudate 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm dressing, 10
04591P	gabapentin	gabapentin 100 mg capsule, 100

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04592Q	gabapentin	gabapentin 300 mg capsule, 100
04593R	gabapentin	gabapentin 400 mg capsule, 100
04594T	gabapentin	gabapentin 600 mg tablet, 100
04595W	gabapentin	gabapentin 800 mg tablet, 100
04596X	tadalafil	tadalafil 10 mg tablet, 4
04597Y	tadalafil	tadalafil 20 mg tablet, 4
04598B	bandage compression	bandage compression four layer bandage, 1
04599C	dressing hydrogel amorphous	dressing hydrogel amorphous gel, 50 g
04626L	dressing foam with silicone moderate exudate	dressing foam with silicone moderate exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04642H	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm dressing, 5
04643J	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate	dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04644K	dressing foam with silicone light exudate	dressing foam with silicone light exudate 6 cm x 8.5 cm dressing, 5
04645L	dressing foam with silicone light exudate	dressing foam with silicone light exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04646M	dressing with silver	dressing with silver 10 cm x 10 cm hydroactive dressing, 5
04647N	dressing with silver	dressing with silver 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm hydroactive dressing, 5
04648P	dressing with silver	dressing with silver 10 cm x 10 cm tulle dressing, 3
04653X	bandage absorbent wool	bandage absorbent wool 10 cm x 3 m bandage, 1
04654Y	bandage compression	bandage compression 8 cm x 2.6 m short stretch bandage, 1
04657D	bandage compression	bandage compression 10 cm x 3.5 m high stretch bandage, 1
04658E	bandage compression	bandage compression four layer bandage, 1
04660G	bandage retention cohesive heavy	bandage retention cohesive heavy 10 cm x 2 m bandage, 1
04661H	bandage tubular short stocking	bandage tubular short stocking small B/C size bandage, 1
04662J	bandage retention cohesive light	bandage retention cohesive light 10 cm x 2 m bandage, 1
04663K	bandage tubular	bandage tubular size C (15 cm to 25 cm) straight bandage, 1
04664L	bandage tubular	bandage tubular size D (25 cm to 43 cm) straight bandage, 1
04665M	bandage tubular	bandage tubular size E (35 cm to 45 cm) straight

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
		bandage, 1
04669R	bandage zinc paste	bandage zinc paste 7.5 cm x 6 m bandage, 1
04670T	bandage zinc paste	bandage zinc paste 10 cm x 9.1 m bandage, 1
04671W	bandage tubular light weight	bandage tubular light weight 10 m small limb size bandage, 1
04672X	bandage tubular light weight	bandage tubular light weight 10 m medium limb size bandage, 1
04673Y	bandage tubular light weight	bandage tubular light weight 10 m large limb size bandage, 1
04674B	bandage tubular long stocking	bandage tubular long stocking small size bandage, 1
04675C	bandage tubular long stocking	bandage tubular long stocking XX/large size bandage, 1
04678F	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 7cm (butterfly shape) dressing, 1
04679G	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 10cm (round) dressing, 1
04681J	dressing activated charcoal malodorous wound	dressing activated charcoal malodorous wound 10.5 cm x 10.5 cm dressing, 1
04682K	dressing alginate cavity wound	dressing alginate cavity wound 2 g (40 cm) rope, 6 x 2 g
04683L	dressing alginate superficial wound	dressing alginate superficial wound 7.5 cm x 12 cm dressing, 10
04684M	dressing alginate superficial wound	dressing alginate superficial wound 5 cm x 5 cm dressing, 1
04686P	dressing film	dressing film 6 cm x 7 cm dressing, 8
04687Q	dressing film	dressing film 10 cm x 12 cm dressing, 4
04688R	dressing film	dressing film 15 cm x 20 cm dressing, 1
04689T	dressing film island	dressing film island 5 cm x 7 cm dressing, 1
04690W	dressing film island	dressing film island 9 cm x 10 cm dressing, 1
04691X	dressing alginate superficial wound	dressing alginate superficial wound 15 cm x 20 cm dressing, 10
04692Y	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 10 cm x 10 cm (foam alternative) dressing, 10
04693B	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 15 cm x 18 cm (foam alternative) dressing, 5
04694C	dressing foam moderate	dressing foam moderate exudate cavity

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
	exudate	conforming foam, 20 g sachet
04695D	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 11 cm x 11 cm dressing: island, 10 dressings
04696E	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 18 cm x 18 cm dressing: island, 5 dressings
04698G	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates 2 g (30 cm) rope, 5 x 2 g
04699H	dressing alginate superficial wound	dressing alginate superficial wound 5 cm x 5 cm dressing, 10
04700J	dressing alginate superficial wound	dressing alginate superficial wound 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04707R	dressing gauze absorbent	dressing gauze absorbent 5 cm x 5 cm pad, 100
04708T	dressing gauze absorbent	dressing gauze absorbent 10 cm x 10 cm pad, 100
04717G	bandage calico	bandage calico large triangular bandage, 1
04718H	bandage retention cohesive light	bandage retention cohesive light 2.5 cm x 2 m bandage, 2
04719J	bandage retention cohesive light	bandage retention cohesive light 6 cm x 2 m bandage, 1
04727T	bandage retention cotton crepe	bandage retention cotton crepe 5 cm x 2.3 m bandage, 1
04728W	bandage retention cotton crepe	bandage retention cotton crepe 7.5 cm x 2.3 m bandage, 1
04729X	bandage retention cotton crepe	bandage retention cotton crepe 10 cm x 2.3 m bandage, 1
04742N	dressing activated charcoal malodorous wound	dressing activated charcoal malodorous wound 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04743P	dressing activated charcoal malodorous wound	dressing activated charcoal malodorous wound 15 cm x 20 cm dressing, 5
04748X	bandage compression	bandage compression 10 cm x 3 m high stretch bandage, 1
04750B	bandage zinc paste	bandage zinc paste 7.5 cm x 6 m bandage, 1
04759L	dressing gauze paraffin	dressing gauze paraffin 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04760M	bandage zinc paste	bandage zinc paste 80 cm (stockings) bandage, 4
04761N	gauze and cotton tissue combine roll	gauze and cotton tissue combine roll 10 cm x 10 m wrapped pack roll, 1
04767X	gauze and cotton tissue combine roll	gauze and cotton tissue combine roll 9 cm x 10 m wrapped pack roll, 1
04768Y	dressing gauze	dressing gauze eye pad, 12 pads

<b>Pharmaceutical benefits not covered by the PBS—continued dispensing</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04780N	tape plaster adhesive elastic	tape plaster adhesive elastic 2.5 cm x 2.5 m tape, 1 roll
04781P	tape plaster adhesive elastic	tape plaster adhesive elastic 5 cm x 2.5 m tape, 1 roll
04782Q	tape plaster adhesive elastic	tape plaster adhesive elastic 7.5 cm x 2.5 m tape, 1 roll
04783R	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 1.25 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04785W	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 1.25 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04787Y	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 2.5 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04788B	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 5 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04789C	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 5 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04790D	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 5 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04794H	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 2.5 cm x 5 m tape, 1 roll
04795J	dressing foam heavy exudate	dressing foam heavy exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04797L	bandage tubular long stocking	bandage tubular long stocking medium size bandage, 1
04798M	bandage tubular finger	bandage-tubular (finger) complete pack including applicator, 1
04799N	bandage tubular long stocking	bandage tubular long stocking large size bandage, 1
04806Y	dressing hydrogel sheet	dressing hydrogel sheet 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04811F	bandage retention cohesive heavy	bandage retention cohesive heavy 5 cm x 1.3 m bandage, 1
04812G	bandage retention cohesive heavy	bandage retention cohesive heavy 7.5 cm x 1.3 m bandage, 1
04813H	bandage retention cohesive heavy	bandage retention cohesive heavy 10 cm x 1.3 m bandage, 1
04814J	bandage retention cohesive heavy	bandage retention cohesive heavy 15 cm x 1.3 m bandage, 1
04815K	bandage tubular short stocking	bandage tubular short stocking medium C/D size bandage, 1
04816L	bandage tubular short stocking	bandage tubular short stocking large D/E size bandage, 1
04819P	dressing non adherent	dressing non adherent 5 cm x 5 cm dressing, 5

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04831G	dressing alginate superficial wound	dressing alginate superficial wound 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 1
04832H	dressing alginate cavity wound	dressing alginate cavity wound 2 g rope, 1
04845B	dressing gauze paraffin with chlorhexidine acetate	dressing gauze paraffin with chlorhexidine acetate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04848E	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 1.9 cm x 5.4 m dispenser tape, 1 roll
04849F	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic	tape plaster adhesive hypoallergenic 1.9 cm x 7.3 m dispenser tape, 1 roll
04855M	bandage tubular	bandage tubular 6.25 cm x 1 m bandage, 1
04856N	bandage tubular	bandage tubular 6.75 cm x 1 m bandage, 1
04857P	bandage tubular	bandage tubular 7.5 cm x 1 m bandage, 1
04858Q	bandage tubular	bandage tubular 8.75 cm x 1 m bandage, 1
04859R	bandage tubular	bandage tubular 10 cm x 1 m bandage, 1
04860T	dressing non adherent	dressing non adherent 5 cm x 5 cm dressing, 5
04861W	dressing non adherent	dressing non adherent 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04862X	dressing non adherent	dressing non adherent 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04885D	dressing hydroactive superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydroactive superficial wound moderate exudate 5 cm x 6 cm dressing, 10
04886E	dressing hydroactive superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydroactive superficial wound moderate exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04888G	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate 5 cm x 7 cm dressing, 10
04889H	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate 9 cm x 14 cm dressing, 10
04893M	dressing film	dressing film 10 cm x 12 cm dressing, 10
04894N	dressing hydrogel amorphous	dressing hydrogel amorphous gel, 25 g
04896Q	dressing hydrocolloid cavity wound	dressing hydrocolloid cavity wound paste, 30 g
04897R	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04898T	dressing film island	dressing film island 5 cm x 7.2 cm dressing, 5
04899W	dressing film island	dressing film island 8 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04905E	dressing hydroactive superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydroactive superficial wound light exudate 5 cm x 6 cm dressing, 10



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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
04906F	dressing hydroactive superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydroactive superficial wound light exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
04907G	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04909J	dressing tulle non gauze paraffin	dressing tulle non gauze paraffin 7.6 cm x 7.6 cm dressing, 1
04911L	dressing hydrogel sheet	dressing hydrogel sheet 9.5 cm x 10.2 cm dressing, 5
04912M	dressing hydrogel amorphous	dressing hydrogel amorphous gel, 10 x 15 g
04913N	dressing hydrogel amorphous	dressing hydrogel amorphous gel, 3 x 30 g
04914P	dressing hydrogel amorphous	dressing hydrogel amorphous gel, 50 g
04915Q	tape non woven retention polyacrylate	tape non woven retention polyacrylate 2.5 cm x 9.1 m tape, 1 roll
04917T	tape non woven retention polyacrylate	tape non woven retention polyacrylate 2.5 cm x 10 m tape, 1 roll
04920Y	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 20 cm x 20 cm dressing, 5
04921B	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04923D	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing-hydrocolloid (superficial wound-moderate exudate) dressings with alginate 10 cm x 10 cm, 10, 1
04924E	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04927H	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 10 cm x 10 cm waterproof pad, 10
04928J	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 15 cm x 15 cm waterproof pad, 5
04929K	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 12 cm x 12 cm waterproof pad, 10
04930L	dressing hydroactive	dressing hydroactive superficial wound high

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
	superficial wound high exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam	exudate semi-permeable absorbent foam 18 cm x 18 cm waterproof pad, 5
04931M	cadexomer-iodine	cadexomer-iodine 3 g powder, 7 sachets
04932N	cadexomer-iodine	cadexomer-iodine 50% ointment, 4 x 10 g
04933P	cadexomer-iodine	cadexomer-iodine 50% ointment, 2 x 20 g
04935R	cadexomer-iodine	cadexomer-iodine 6 cm x 4 cm dressing, 5 x 5 g sheet
04936T	cadexomer-iodine	cadexomer-iodine 8 cm x 6 cm dressing, 3 x 10 g sheet
04937W	cadexomer-iodine	cadexomer-iodine 10 cm x 8 cm dressing, 2 x 17 g sheet
04944F	dressing non adherent	dressing non adherent 7.5 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04945G	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04946H	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound moderate exudate 15 cm x 15 cm dressing, 10
04947J	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate	dressing hydrocolloid superficial wound light exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
04948K	dressing hydroactive debridement	dressing hydroactive debridement 5.5 cm dressing, 10
04949L	dressing hydroactive debridement	dressing hydroactive debridement 4 cm dressing, 10
04950M	dressing hydroactive debridement	dressing hydroactive debridement 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm dressing, 10
10017F	dressing foam with silicone	dressing foam with silicone 10.3 cm x 10.3 cm dressing, 10
10021K	dressing foam with silicone	dressing foam with silicone 21 cm x 21 cm dressing, 10
10023M	dressing foam with silicone	dressing foam with silicone 15.4 cm x 15.4 cm dressing, 10
10029W	dressing foam with silicone	dressing foam with silicone 12.9 cm x 12.9 cm dressing, 10
10095H	dutasteride	dutasteride 500 microgram capsule, 30
10097K	dressing hydrofibre with silver	dressing hydrofibre with silver 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
10098L	dressing hydrofibre with silver	dressing hydrofibre with silver 15 cm x 15 cm dressing, 5
10102Q	dutasteride + tamsulosin	dutasteride 500 microgram + tamsulosin hydrochloride 400 microgram modified release

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>RPBS item code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>
		capsule, 30
10105W	dressing hydrofibre with silver	dressing hydrofibre with silver 2 cm x 45 cm rope, 5
10106X	imiquimod	imiquimod 5% cream, 2 x 2 g
10169F	clopidogrel	clopidogrel 75 mg tablet, 28
10177P	docusate + sennoside B	docusate sodium 50 mg + sennoside B 8 mg tablet, 90
10573L	folic acid	folic acid 5 mg tablet, 100
10574M	sodium chloride + potassium chloride + glucose monohydrate + citric acid	sodium chloride 470 mg + potassium chloride 300 mg + glucose monohydrate 3.56 g + sodium acid citrate 530 mg powder for oral liquid, 10 x 4.9 g sachets
10577Q	hydroxocobalamin	hydroxocobalamin 1 mg/mL injection, 3 x 1 mL ampoules
10578R	bisacodyl	bisacodyl 10 mg suppository, 10
10579T	ferrous fumarate + folic acid	ferrous fumarate 310 mg (iron 100 mg) + folic acid 350 microgram tablet, 60
10580W	bisacodyl	bisacodyl 10 mg suppository, 12
10582Y	paracetamol	paracetamol 500 mg tablet, 100
10584C	folic acid	folic acid 500 microgram tablet, 100
10585D	paracetamol	paracetamol 500 mg tablet, 100
10586E	glycerol	glycerol 700 mg suppository, 12
10587F	hydroxocobalamin	hydroxocobalamin 1 mg/mL injection, 3 x 1 mL ampoules
10590J	aspirin	aspirin 100 mg tablet, 112
10592L	loperamide	loperamide hydrochloride 2 mg capsule, 12
10594N	ferrous fumarate	ferrous fumarate 200 mg (iron 65.7 mg) tablet, 60
10596Q	glycerol	glycerol 1.4 g suppository, 12
10598T	paracetamol	paracetamol 665 mg modified release tablet, 96
10599W	paracetamol	paracetamol 240 mg/5 mL oral liquid, 200 mL
10831C	hydrocortisone acetate	hydrocortisone acetate 1% ointment, 30 g
10832D	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm dressing, 10
10837J	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates	dressing hydrofibre alternate to alginates 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
10841N	protein formula with arginine, vitamin C, E and zinc	protein formula with arginine, vitamin C, E and zinc oral liquid, 27 x 237 mL cartons
10847X	povidone-iodine	povidone-iodine 9.5 cm x 9.5 cm dressing, 25
10849B	dressing alginate with manuka honey	dressing alginate with manuka honey 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
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10850C	protein formula with arginine, vitamin C and E	protein formula with arginine, vitamin C and E powder for oral liquid, 14 x 9.2 g sachets
10854G	nystatin	nystatin 100 000 units/mL oral liquid, 24 mL
10857K	dressing alginate with manuka honey	dressing alginate with manuka honey 2.5 cm x 20 cm ribbon, 5
11134B	sodium chloride + hypochlorous acid + sodium hypochlorite	sodium chloride 0.022% + hypochlorous acid 0.004% + sodium hypochlorite 0.004% irrigation solution, 250 mL
11135C	loperamide	loperamide hydrochloride 2 mg capsule, 20
11383D	pad wound debridement	pad wound debridement 10 cm x 10 cm pad, 5
11384E	dressing foam with silicone	dressing foam with silicone 10.5 cm x 10.5 cm dressing, 10
11387H	bemotrizinol + octocrylene + diethylamino hydroxybenzoyl hexyl benzoate + titanium dioxide	bemotrizinol 1% + octocrylene 2% + diethylamino hydroxybenzoyl hexyl benzoate 3.5% + titanium dioxide 2% lotion, 125 mL
11391M	pad wound debridement	pad wound debridement pad, 5
11392N	dressing hydrophobic	dressing hydrophobic 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
11393P	dressing foam with silicone	dressing foam with silicone 16 cm x 16 cm dressing, 10
11394Q	dressing hydrophobic	dressing hydrophobic 15 cm x 15 cm dressing, 10
11395R	dressing hydrogel	dressing hydrogel 7.5 cm x 15 cm dressing, 10
11401C	protein formula with arginine, vitamin C, E and zinc	protein formula with arginine, vitamin C, E and zinc oral liquid, 24 x 200 mL bottles
11402D	dressing hydrophobic	dressing hydrophobic 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 10
11403E	dressing hydrophobic	dressing hydrophobic 20 cm x 20 cm dressing, 10
11404F	dressing hydrophobic	dressing hydrophobic 15 cm x 15 cm foam dressing, 10
11707E	methyl salicylate + menthol + camphor + eucalyptus oil + pine oil pumilio + turpentine oil + peppermint oil + cajuput oil + capsicum annum	methyl salicylate 20% + menthol 5% + camphor 3.5% + eucalyptus oil 3% + pine oil pumilio 1% + turpentine oil 1% + peppermint oil 0.5% + cajuput oil 0.5% + capsicum annum 0.15% cream, 100 g
11708F	glycerol	glycerol 15% solution, 1 kg
11709G	dressing hydrogel	dressing hydrogel 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5
11710H	hydrocortisone acetate	hydrocortisone acetate 1% cream, 30 g
11711J	oxymetazoline	oxymetazoline hydrochloride 0.05% nasal spray, 20 mL
11712K	glycerol + white soft paraffin	glycerol 5% + white soft paraffin 5% lotion, 1 L

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
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11714M	bandage compression	bandage compression 10 cm x 3.5 m soft bandage [1] (&) bandage compression 10 cm x 6 m short stretch bandage [1], 1 pack
11715N	dressing non-adherent absorbent	dressing non-adherent absorbent 22 cm x 22 cm hydroactive dressing, 10
11717Q	dressing non-adherent absorbent	dressing non-adherent absorbent 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm hydroactive dressing, 10
11718R	dressing non-adherent absorbent	dressing non-adherent absorbent 22 cm x 32 cm hydroactive dressing, 10
11837B	avanafil	avanafil 50 mg tablet, 4
11845K	calcium	calcium tablet (chewable) 500 mg (as carbonate), 120
11860F	avanafil	avanafil 200 mg tablet, 4
11861G	avanafil	avanafil 100 mg tablet, 4
11862H	calcium	calcium tablet (chewable) 500 mg (as carbonate), 120

## Endnotes

### Endnote 1—About the endnotes

The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

Endnote 3—Legislation history

Endnote 4—Amendment history

### Abbreviation key—Endnote 2

The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

### Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

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A misdescribed amendment is an amendment that does not accurately describe the amendment to be made. If, despite the misdescription, the amendment can be given effect as intended, the amendment is incorporated into the compiled law and the abbreviation “(md)” added to the details of the amendment included in the amendment history.

If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the abbreviation “(md not incorp)” is added to the details of the amendment included in the amendment history.

**Endnote 2—Abbreviation key**

ad = added or inserted	o = order(s)
am = amended	Ord = Ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
c = clause(s)	par = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s)
C[x] = Compilation No. x	/sub-subparagraph(s)
Ch = Chapter(s)	pres = present
def = definition(s)	prev = previous
Dict = Dictionary	(prev...) = previously
disallowed = disallowed by Parliament	Pt = Part(s)
Div = Division(s)	r = regulation(s)/rule(s)
ed = editorial change	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect	renum = renumbered
F = Federal Register of Legislation	rep = repealed
gaz = gazette	rs = repealed and substituted
LA = <i>Legislation Act 2003</i>	s = section(s)/subsection(s)
LIA = <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	Sch = Schedule(s)
(md) = misdescribed amendment can be given effect	Sdiv = Subdivision(s)
(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect	SLI = Select Legislative Instrument
mod = modified/modification	SR = Statutory Rules
No. = Number(s)	Sub-Ch = Sub-Chapter(s)
	SubPt = Subpart(s)
	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be commenced

## Endnote 3—Legislation history

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Number	Registration	Commencement	Application, saving and transitional provisions
2013 No. R43	29 Nov 2013 (F2013L02009)	30 Nov 2013	
2015 No. R1/MRCC1	30 Mar 2015 (F2015L00376)	1 Apr 2015	s 3, s 4
2015 No. R45	24 Dec 2015 (F2015L02130)	Sch Part A: 25 Dec 2015 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch Part B: 1 Jan 2016 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
2016 No. R49/MRCC49	6 Dec 2016 (F2016L01872)	1 Jan 2017	—
2017 No. R14/MRCC14	21 June 2017 (F2017L00705)	1 July 2017	—
2017 No. R7/MRCC7	14 December 2017 (F2017L01618)	1 January 2018	—
2018 No. R34/MRCC34	22 June 2018 (F2018L00847)	Sch 1: 1 July 2018 (s 2)	—
2019 No. R44/MRCC44	30 Oct 2019 (F2019L01387)	Sch 1: 31 Oct 2019 (s 2)	—
2020 No. R7/MRCC7	7 Feb 2020 (F2020L00100)	Sch 1: 13 January 2020 (s 2)	—
2020 No. R13/MRCC13	17 Apr 2020 (F2020L00437)	Sch 1: 18 Apr 2020 (s 2)	—



## Endnote 4—Amendment history

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Provision affected	How affected
s 1B.....	rep LIA s 48D
<b>Part 1</b>	
s 3.....	am 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; F2015L02130; am F2017L01618; am F2018L00847; am F2019L01387; ed C8; am F2020L00437
s 4.....	rs. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
<b>Part 2</b>	
s 7.....	rs. F2017L01618
s 11.....	rs. F2017L01618
s 11AA.....	ad 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am F2019L01387
s 11A.....	ad 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am. F2017L01618; am F2019L01387
s 11B.....	rs 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am F2019L01387; ed C8
s 11C.....	rep. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; ad F2019L01387
s 11D.....	ad F2019L01387
<b>Part 3</b>	
s 16.....	am 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am. F2017L01618; am F2020L00437
s 16AAA.....	ad F2020L00437
s 16AA.....	ad. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am F2017L01618
s 16A.....	am. F2017L01618; am. F2020L00100
s 16AB.....	ad. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
s 21A.....	ad F2015L02130
<b>Part 4</b>	
s 24A.....	rep. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
s 24.....	am 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
s 24B.....	rep. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
s 25.....	rs. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
<b>Part 5</b>	
s 26.....	rs F2015L02130
s 27.....	rep F2015L02130
s 28.....	rep F2015L02130
s 29.....	rep F2015L02130
s 30.....	am F2015L02130
<b>Part 5A</b>	
s 37.....	rs. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
<b>Part 6</b>	
s 41.....	rs. F2017L01618
s 42.....	rep. F2017L01618
s 43.....	rep. F2017L01618
s 45.....	rs 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am F2017L01618; am F2019L01387

## Endnote 4—Amendment history

Provision affected	How affected
s 45A .....	ad. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am. F2017L01618
s 45B.....	ad. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1; am F2017L01618
s 47 .....	ad F2019L01387
Schedule 1 .....	am. 2015 No. R1/MRCC1
	rs F2015L02130; rs F2016L01872; rs F2017L00705; rs F2017L01618; rs F2018L00847
Schedule 2.....	ad F2020L00100