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Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits

Summary of Changes

Effective 1 May 2021



Fees, Patient Contributions and Safety Net Thresholds

The following fees, patient contributions and safety net thresholds apply as at 1 May 2021 and are included, where applicable, in prices published in the Schedule —

Dispensing Fees:	Ready-prepared	\$7.74
	Dangerous drug fee	\$4.80
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$9.78
	Allowable additional patient charge*	\$4.42
Additional Fees (for safety net prices):	Ready-prepared	\$1.29
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$1.66
Patient Co-payments:	General	\$41.30
	Concessional	\$6.60
Safety Net Thresholds:	General	\$1497.20
	Concessional	\$316.80
Safety Net Card Issue Fee:		\$10.34

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

Summary of Changes

These changes to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits are effective from 1 May 2021. The Schedule is updated on the first day of each month and is available on the internet at www.pbs.gov.au.

Prescriber Bag Advance Notices

1 June 2021

Deletion – Brand

- 10786Q *Junalox, JO* – **NALOXONE**, naloxone hydrochloride 400 microgram/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules
3484J *Tramadol ACT, JO* – **TRAMADOL**, tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules

General Pharmaceutical Benefits

Additions

Addition – Item

- 1002R **ACICLOVIR**, aciclovir 3% eye ointment, 4.5 g (*ViruPOS*)
5501M **ACICLOVIR**, aciclovir 3% eye ointment, 4.5 g (*ViruPOS*)
12467E **CANNABIDIOL**, cannabidiol 100 mg/mL oral liquid, 100 mL (*Epidyolex*)
12463Y **MESALAZINE**, mesalazine 1.6 g enteric tablet, 60 (*Asacol*)

Addition – Brand

- 2751T *NOUMED AMLODIPINE, VO* – **AMLODIPINE**, amlodipine 5 mg tablet, 30
2752W *NOUMED AMLODIPINE, VO* – **AMLODIPINE**, amlodipine 10 mg tablet, 30
5551E *Bimprozt, TY* – **BIMATOPROST**, bimatoprost 0.03% eye drops, 3 mL
8620Q *Bimprozt, TY* – **BIMATOPROST**, bimatoprost 0.03% eye drops, 3 mL
2711Q *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 50 mg tablet, 25
10176N *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 100 mg tablet, 21
10779H *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 100 mg tablet, 7
2702F *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 100 mg tablet, 7
2709N *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 100 mg tablet, 7
2714W *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 100 mg tablet, 7
3321T *APX-Doxycycline, TX* – **DOXYCYCLINE**, doxycycline 100 mg tablet, 7
10022L *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 25 mg tablet, 30
10028T *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 25 mg tablet, 30
11263T *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 25 mg tablet, 30
10019H *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 100 mg tablet, 30
10020J *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 100 mg tablet, 30
11260P *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 100 mg tablet, 30
10014C *Erlotinib APOTEX, TX* – **ERLOTINIB**, erlotinib 150 mg tablet, 30

10025P	<i>Erlotinib APOTEX, TX</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 150 mg tablet, 30
11259N	<i>Erlotinib APOTEX, TX</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 150 mg tablet, 30
9169N	<i>Levetiracetam GH, GQ</i> – LEVETIRACETAM , levetiracetam 100 mg/mL oral liquid, 300 mL
10526B	<i>Lurasidone Sandoz, SZ</i> – LURASIDONE , lurasidone hydrochloride 40 mg tablet, 30
10529E	<i>Lurasidone Sandoz, SZ</i> – LURASIDONE , lurasidone hydrochloride 80 mg tablet, 30
1324Q	<i>NOUMED METOPROLOL, VO</i> – METOPROLOL TARTRATE , METOPROLOL TARTRATE Tablet 50 mg, 100
1325R	<i>NOUMED METOPROLOL, VO</i> – METOPROLOL TARTRATE , METOPROLOL TARTRATE Tablet 100 mg, 60
1952R	<i>Rasazil, GQ</i> – RASAGILINE , rasagiline 1 mg tablet, 30
8398B	<i>APX-Sotalol, TY</i> – SOTALOL , sotalol hydrochloride 80 mg tablet, 60
2043M	<i>APX-Sotalol, TY</i> – SOTALOL , sotalol hydrochloride 160 mg tablet, 60
11276L	<i>CIPLA TENOFOVIR + EMTRICITABINE 300/200, LR</i> – TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL + EMTRICITABINE , tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg + emtricitabine 200 mg tablet, 30

Addition – Equivalence Indicator

10022L	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 25 mg tablet, 30
10028T	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 25 mg tablet, 30
11263T	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 25 mg tablet, 30
10019H	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 100 mg tablet, 30
10020J	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 100 mg tablet, 30
11260P	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 100 mg tablet, 30
10014C	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 150 mg tablet, 30
10025P	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 150 mg tablet, 30
11259N	<i>Erlotinib Sandoz, SZ</i> – ERLOTINIB , erlotinib 150 mg tablet, 30

Deletions

Deletion – Item

11652G	ACICLOVIR , aciclovir 3% eye ointment, 4.5 g (<i>AcVision</i>)
11654J	ACICLOVIR , aciclovir 3% eye ointment, 4.5 g (<i>AcVision</i>)
12081W	CODEINE , codeine phosphate hemihydrate 30 mg tablet, 20 (<i>Aspen Pharma Pty Ltd</i>)
12211Q	NORETHISTERONE + ETHINYLESTRADIOL , norethisterone 1 mg + ethinylestradiol 35 microgram tablet [21] (& inert substance tablet [7], 3 x 28 (<i>Pirmella 1/35</i>))

Deletion – Brand

1269T	CYPROTERONE , cyproterone acetate 50 mg tablet, 20 (<i>Cyprocur 50</i>)
1270W	CYPROTERONE , cyproterone acetate 50 mg tablet, 50 (<i>Cyprocur 50</i>)
8019C	CYPROTERONE , cyproterone acetate 100 mg tablet, 50 (<i>Cyprocur 100</i>)
9155W	<i>Andepra, EL</i> – DULOXETINE , duloxetine 30 mg enteric capsule, 28
9156X	<i>Andepra, EL</i> – DULOXETINE , duloxetine 60 mg enteric capsule, 28
3050M	<i>NOUMED PERINDOPRIL, VO</i> – PERINDOPRIL , perindopril erbumine 2 mg tablet, 30
3051N	<i>NOUMED PERINDOPRIL, VO</i> – PERINDOPRIL , perindopril erbumine 4 mg tablet, 30
8704D	<i>NOUMED PERINDOPRIL, VO</i> – PERINDOPRIL , perindopril erbumine 8 mg tablet, 30
2011W	<i>Ransim, RA</i> – SIMVASTATIN , simvastatin 10 mg tablet, 30
9242K	<i>Ransim, RA</i> – SIMVASTATIN , simvastatin 10 mg tablet, 30
8313M	<i>Ransim, RA</i> – SIMVASTATIN , simvastatin 80 mg tablet, 30
9245N	<i>Ransim, RA</i> – SIMVASTATIN , simvastatin 80 mg tablet, 30

Alterations

Alteration – Note

3440C	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 10 mg modified release capsule, 30 (<i>Ritalin LA</i>)
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2276T	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 20 mg modified release capsule, 30 (<i>Ritalin LA</i>)
2280B	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 30 mg modified release capsule, 30 (<i>Ritalin LA</i>)
2283E	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 40 mg modified release capsule, 30 (<i>Ritalin LA</i>)
12116Q	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 60 mg modified release capsule, 30 (<i>Ritalin LA</i>)
2387P	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 18 mg modified release tablet, 30 (<i>Concerta</i>)
2172H	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 27 mg modified release tablet, 30 (<i>Concerta</i>)
2388Q	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 36 mg modified release tablet, 30 (<i>Concerta</i>)
2432B	METHYLPHENIDATE , methylphenidate hydrochloride 54 mg modified release tablet, 30 (<i>Concerta</i>)

Alteration – Restriction

12103B	STIRIPENTOL , stiripentol 250 mg capsule, 60 (<i>Diacomit</i>)
12107F	STIRIPENTOL , stiripentol 500 mg capsule, 60 (<i>Diacomit</i>)
12106E	STIRIPENTOL , stiripentol 250 mg powder for oral liquid, 60 sachets (<i>Diacomit</i>)
12088F	STIRIPENTOL , stiripentol 500 mg powder for oral liquid, 60 sachets (<i>Diacomit</i>)

Alteration – Manufacturer Code

1266P	<i>Cyclonex</i> – CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE , cyclophosphamide 50 mg tablet, 50	<i>From</i> ZX	<i>To</i> GH
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Alteration – Maximum Quantity

11210B	MESALAZINE , mesalazine 800 mg enteric tablet, 90 (<i>Asacol</i>)	<i>From</i> 2	<i>To</i> 1
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Advance Notices

1 June 2021

Deletion – Brand

1229Q	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 10 000 anti-Xa units/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL syringes
1296F	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 12 500 anti-Xa units/0.5 mL injection, 10 x 0.5 mL syringes
2816F	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 5000 anti-Xa units/0.2 mL injection, 10 x 0.2 mL syringes
5445N	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 12 500 anti-Xa units/0.5 mL injection, 10 x 0.5 mL syringes
8269F	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 10 000 anti-Xa units/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL syringes
8271H	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 7500 anti-Xa units/0.75 mL injection, 10 x 0.75 mL syringes
8603T	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 2500 anti-Xa units/0.2 mL injection, 10 x 0.2 mL syringes
8641T	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 2500 anti-Xa units/0.2 mL injection, 10 x 0.2 mL syringes
8642W	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 5000 anti-Xa units/0.2 mL injection, 10 x 0.2 mL syringes
8643X	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 7500 anti-Xa units/0.75 mL injection, 10 x 0.75 mL syringes
8956J	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 7500 anti-Xa units/0.75 mL injection, 10 x 0.75 mL syringes
8957K	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 10 000 anti-Xa units/mL injection, 10 x 1 mL syringes
8958L	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 12 500 anti-Xa units/0.5 mL injection, 10 x 0.5 mL syringes
8959M	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 15 000 anti-Xa units/0.6 mL injection, 10 x 0.6 mL syringes
8960N	<i>Fragmin, PF</i> – DALTEPARIN SODIUM , dalteparin sodium 18 000 anti-Xa units/0.72 mL injection, 10 x 0.72 mL syringes

8761D	<i>Estradot 25, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL , estradiol 25 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
8762E	<i>Estradot 37.5, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL , estradiol 37.5 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
8763F	<i>Estradot 50, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL , estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
8764G	<i>Estradot 75, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL , estradiol 75 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
8765H	<i>Estradot 100, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL , estradiol 100 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
8427M	<i>Estalis continuous 50/140, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL + NORETHISTERONE ACETATE , estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours + norethisterone acetate 140 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
8428N	<i>Estalis continuous 50/250, SZ</i> – ESTRADIOL + NORETHISTERONE ACETATE , estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours + norethisterone acetate 250 microgram/24 hours patch, 8
9041W	<i>Leucovorin Calcium (Hospira Pty Limited), PF</i> – FOLINIC ACID , folinic acid 300 mg/30 mL injection, 30 mL vial
8612G	<i>lax-sachets, AE</i> – MACROGOL-3350 + SODIUM CHLORIDE + BICARBONATE + POTASSIUM CHLORIDE , macrogol-3350 13.125 g + sodium chloride 350.7 mg + sodium bicarbonate 178.5 mg + potassium chloride 46.6 mg powder for oral liquid, 30 sachets
10783M	<i>Junalox, JO</i> – NALOXONE , naloxone hydrochloride 400 microgram/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules
10787R	<i>Junalox, JO</i> – NALOXONE , naloxone hydrochloride 400 microgram/mL injection, 5 x 1 mL ampoules
1659H	<i>Naprosyn, IX</i> – NAPROXEN , naproxen 500 mg tablet, 50
5177L	<i>Naprosyn, IX</i> – NAPROXEN , naproxen 500 mg tablet, 50
8425K	<i>Estalis sequi 50/140, SZ</i> – NORETHISTERONE ACETATE + ESTRADIOL (&) ESTRADIOL , estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours patch [4] (&) estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours + norethisterone acetate 140 microgram/24 hours patch [4], 8
8426L	<i>Estalis sequi 50/250, SZ</i> – NORETHISTERONE ACETATE + ESTRADIOL (&) ESTRADIOL , estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours patch [4] (&) estradiol 50 microgram/24 hours + norethisterone acetate 250 microgram/24 hours patch [4], 8
10062N	<i>Temolide, JU</i> – TEMOZOLOMIDE , temozolomide 180 mg capsule, 5
2438H	<i>Temolide, JU</i> – TEMOZOLOMIDE , temozolomide 180 mg capsule, 5
8380C	<i>Temozolomide Amneal, JO</i> – TEMOZOLOMIDE , temozolomide 100 mg capsule, 5
8821G	<i>Temozolomide Amneal, JO</i> – TEMOZOLOMIDE , temozolomide 100 mg capsule, 5
8460G	<i>Androderm, TB</i> – TESTOSTERONE , testosterone 2.5 mg/24 hours patch, 60
8350L	<i>Tirofiban AC, JO</i> – TIROFIBAN , tirofiban 12.5 mg/50 mL injection, 50 mL vial
5231H	<i>Tramadol ACT, JO</i> – TRAMADOL , tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules
8582Q	<i>Tramadol ACT, JO</i> – TRAMADOL , tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg/2 mL injection, 5 x 2 mL ampoules

1 July 2021

Deletion – Brand

1269T	<i>Androcur, BN</i> – CYPROTERONE , cyproterone acetate 50 mg tablet, 20
8180M	<i>Roferon-A, RO</i> – INTERFERON ALFA-2A , interferon alfa-2a 3 million units (11.111 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe
8181N	<i>Roferon-A, RO</i> – INTERFERON ALFA-2A , interferon alfa-2a 3 million units (11.111 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe
8184R	<i>Roferon-A, RO</i> – INTERFERON ALFA-2A , interferon alfa-2a 9 million units (33.333 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe
8553E	<i>Roferon-A, RO</i> – INTERFERON ALFA-2A , interferon alfa-2a 9 million units (33.333 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe

1 August 2021

Deletion – Brand

10888C	<i>Bydureon, AP</i> – EXENATIDE , exenatide 2 mg modified release injection [1 chamber] (&) inert substance diluent [1 chamber], 4 dual chamber pen devices
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1 October 2021

Deletion – Brand

10703H	<i>Mabthera SC, RO</i> – RITUXIMAB , rituximab 1.4 g/11.7 mL injection, 11.7 mL vial
10709P	<i>Mabthera SC, RO</i> – RITUXIMAB , rituximab 1.4 g/11.7 mL injection, 11.7 mL vial

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- 10719E *Mabthera SC, RO* – **RITUXIMAB**, rituximab 1.4 g/11.7 mL injection, 11.7 mL vial
10742J *Mabthera SC, RO* – **RITUXIMAB**, rituximab 1.4 g/11.7 mL injection, 11.7 mL vial
11988Y *Mabthera SC, RO* – **RITUXIMAB**, rituximab 1.4 g/11.7 mL injection, 11.7 mL vial

1 January 2022

Deletion – Brand

- 11050N *Lynparza, AP* – **OLAPARIB**, olaparib 50 mg capsule, 4 x 112

Palliative Care

Deletions

Deletion – Item

- 5319Y **PARACETAMOL**, paracetamol 500 mg suppository, 24 (*Panadol*)

Advance Notices

1 June 2021

Deletion – Brand

- 5389P *lax-sachets, AE* – **MACROGOL-3350 + SODIUM CHLORIDE + BICARBONATE + POTASSIUM CHLORIDE**, macrogol-3350 13.125 g + sodium chloride 350.7 mg + sodium bicarbonate 178.5 mg + potassium chloride 46.6 mg powder for oral liquid, 30 sachets
5346J *Naprosyn, IX* – **NAPROXEN**, naproxen 500 mg tablet, 50

Highly Specialised Drugs Program (Private Hospital)

Advance Notices

1 July 2021

Deletion – Brand

- 6210W *Roferon-A, RO* – **INTERFERON ALFA-2A**, interferon alfa-2a 3 million units (11.111 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe
6213B *Roferon-A, RO* – **INTERFERON ALFA-2A**, interferon alfa-2a 9 million units (33.333 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe

Highly Specialised Drugs Program (Community Access)

Additions

Addition – Brand

- 10347N *CIPLA TENOFOVIR + EMTRICITABINE 300/200, LR* – **TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL + EMTRICITABINE**, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg + emtricitabine 200 mg tablet, 30

Advance Notices

1 July 2021

Deletion – Brand

- 10279B *Baraclude, BQ* – **ENTECAVIR**, entecavir 500 microgram tablet, 30
10353X *Baraclude, BQ* – **ENTECAVIR**, entecavir 1 mg tablet, 30
10317B *Roferon-A, RO* – **INTERFERON ALFA-2A**, interferon alfa-2a 3 million units (11.111 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe
10369R *Roferon-A, RO* – **INTERFERON ALFA-2A**, interferon alfa-2a 9 million units (33.333 microgram)/0.5 mL injection, 0.5 mL syringe

Growth Hormone Program

Advance Notices

1 June 2021

Deletion – Brand

- 10447W *Zomacton, FP* – **SOMATROPIN**, somatropin 4 mg injection [1 vial] (& inert substance diluent [1 vial], 1 pack
- 10452D *Zomacton, FP* – **SOMATROPIN**, somatropin 4 mg injection [1 vial] (& inert substance diluent [1 vial], 1 pack
- 6266T *Zomacton, FP* – **SOMATROPIN**, somatropin 4 mg injection [1 vial] (& inert substance diluent [1 vial], 1 pack

Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits

Advance Notices

1 June 2021

Deletion – Brand

- 4642H *Mepilex Border 295200, MH* – **DRESSING FOAM WITH SILICONE HEAVY EXUDATE**, dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm dressing, 5
- 4643J *Mepilex Border 295300, MH* – **DRESSING FOAM WITH SILICONE HEAVY EXUDATE**, dressing foam with silicone heavy exudate 10 cm x 10 cm dressing, 5