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# Dispensing Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)

This quick reference guide explains the Medicare requirements for supplying medicine as an Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicine.

## Quick reference guide

This document should be used as a guide only. Medicare recommends health professionals exercise their own skill and care with respect to its contents.

### Approved suppliers

Decision made by the approved prescriber to prescribe an Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicine. The prescription must be on an Authority prescription form.



You must enter the streamlined authority code for each Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicine claimed in the unique streamlined authority field of the dispensing software<sup>^</sup>.



The dispensing software will validate the streamlined authority code and PBS item code for the following:

- Is a streamlined authority code required for this medicine?
- Is the streamlined authority code provided?
- Is the streamlined authority code valid (for example, in the correct format and numeric)?
- Does the streamlined authority code match the Authority medicine at the date of prescribing?



**YES**..... **NO**

Supply of PBS medicine approved.

The streamlined authority code is not valid and a reason code will identify the reason why.

<sup>^</sup>These arrangements will commence from 1 December 2011. Some public hospitals will have a phased implementation as updated prescribing and dispensing software becomes available. These interim arrangements are expected to be in place until 31 March 2012. In the interim, public hospitals can continue to access and claim Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicines through current arrangements.

For more information see the *Prescribing PBS Authority required (STREAMLINED) benefits* quick reference guide at [medicare.gov.au](http://medicare.gov.au) then **For health professionals > Doing business with Medicare Australia > Online education services > Quick reference guides**

### For more information

Online [medicare.gov.au](http://medicare.gov.au) then  
**For health professionals > PBS > Data Capture of Streamlined Authority**  
to view the current *Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits* go to [pbs.gov.au](http://pbs.gov.au)

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