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**Writing PBS/RPBS prescriptions for
Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD)
in public hospitals not participating in the
pharmaceutical reforms**



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Outline



- Impact of incorrectly written PBS/RPBS prescriptions
- What you need to include on a prescription
- Special information requirements for HSD medicines
- What you need to do for non PBS/RPBS medicines



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HSD PBS/RPBS prescriptions written incorrectly



Cost to hospital



Delay in dispensing



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Prescription forms



PBS-RPBS authority prescription
Not valid unless authorised by delegate

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- ✓ Internal medicine form or prescription may be used for Authority required (STREAMLINED) HSD, if within maximum quantity and number of repeats listed in *the Schedule*
- ✓ PBS/RPBS authority prescription form **must** be used when prescribing Authority required HSD, CAR medicines and trastuzumab
- ✓ Make sure patient is a non-admitted patient, a day admitted patient, or a patient on discharge.



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Your details



PBS-RPBS authority prescription
Fill with values authorized by delegate

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PBS-RPBS Medicines **3** [1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][0] Patients Ref no. **2**

Patients full name **4** [Patient's name]

Patients address **5** [Patient's address]

Tell the pharmacist **6** [Name/Address] [Postcode]

Is it urgent? **7** **8** **9** **10** **11** **12** **13** **14** **15** **16** **17** **18** **19** **20** **21** **22** **23** **24** **25** **26** **27** **28** **29** **30** **31** **32** **33** **34** **35** **36** **37** **38** **39** **40** **41** **42** **43** **44** **45** **46** **47** **48** **49** **50** **51** **52** **53** **54** **55** **56** **57** **58** **59** **60** **61** **62** **63** **64** **65** **66** **67** **68** **69** **70** **71** **72** **73** **74** **75** **76** **77** **78** **79** **80** **81** **82** **83** **84** **85** **86** **87** **88** **89** **90** **91** **92** **93** **94** **95** **96** **97** **98** **99** **00** **01** **02** **03** **04** **05** **06** **07** **08** **09** **10** **11** **12** **13** **14** **15** **16** **17** **18** **19** **20** **21** **22** **23** **24** **25** **26** **27** **28** **29** **30** **31** **32** **33** **34** **35** **36** **37** **38** **39** **40** **41** **42** **43** **44** **45** **46** **47** 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Patient details



PBS-RPBS authority prescription
Not valid unless authorised by delegate

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Medicine no. **3** 1 2 3 4 - 5 6 7 8 9 - 0 Patients Ref no. **2**

Patient's full name **4** Jane/A/Johner
Patient's address Jane/A/Johner
Task for return to patient **6** Jane/A/Johner Postcode

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10 Only one item per form
Darunavir 300mg oral

11 2 tablets twice daily with food

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Authority required medicines



- Authority required medicines **require prior approval** from Medicare Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA):
 - Complex Authority Required (CAR) medicines
 - PBS trastuzumab (Herceptin®).
- Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicines **do not require prior approval** from Medicare Australia or the DVA except when:
 - prescribing increased quantities and/or increased repeats above those specified in *the Schedule*.



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Summary



- Incorrectly written prescriptions cost time and money.
- Internal medication form or prescription may be used for Authority required (STREAMLINED) HSD, if within maximum quantity and number of repeats listed in *the Schedule*.
- PBS/RPBS authority prescription forms **must** be used when prescribing Authority required HSD.
- Patients must be a non-admitted patient, a day admitted patient, or a patient on discharge (not in-patient).



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Summary



- Prescriptions must include:
 - patients' details (including verification if using patient labels)
 - prescriber details
 - HSD medicine details.
- Prescriptions must be marked as 'non PBS' if the PBS subsidy does not apply.
- Authority required medicines require prior approval from Medicare Australia or the DVA.
- Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicines do *not* require prior approval from Medicare Australia or the DVA (if within maximum quantity and number of repeats listed in *the Schedule*).