

PBS variables		MBS variables	
Variable name	Description	Variable name	Description
AIHW PPN	A unique encrypted number for each subject	AIHW PPN	A unique encrypted number for each subject
Patient sex	Sex of subject	Enrolment postcode	The postcode of each subject
Patient date of birth	Date of birth of subject	Sex	Sex of subject
Patient category derived disc	Category of patient's eligibility status at the time of supply i.e., general, concession, safety net)	Date of birth	Date of birth of subject
Patient contribution amount	The amount paid by the patient	Servicing provider ID	A unique encrypted number for each service provider
Benefit amount	The amount paid by the government	Servicing provider location	Location of servicing provider
Pharmacy postcode	Postcode of the pharmacy at which the prescription medicinal product is dispensed	Servicing provider postcode	Postcode of the servicing provider
Pharmacy ID	A unique encrypted number for each pharmacy	Service provider specialty	The broad speciality of the health professional that provided the service
Patient postcode	Postcode of the subject	Referring provider number	A unique encrypted number for each service provider who requested further care
Drug type	The type of chemical substance prescribed	Referring provider practice	A unique encrypted number of the practice service provider who requested further care
Item code	Item number reflected in the PBS	Referring provider postcode	Postcode of the servicing provider who requested further care
Prescriber specialty	Subspecialty field of speciality of the prescriber of the PBS	Referring date	The date that the MBS service was requested

	item		
Quantity supplied reg24 adj	The total amount of the medicinal product dispensed by a pharmacist	Date of service	Date the MBS service was rendered
Number of scripts dispensed	The number of times a medicinal product is supplied to the patient or PBS consumer	Date of processing	Date the MBS item was processed
Previous supply number	The number of times the product has been supplied to the patient or PBS consumer	Item number original	The original item number of the MBS item claimed
Pharmacy approval type	Type of approval of the pharmacy at which the prescription medicinal product is dispensed, represented by a code	Item number current	The current item number of the MBS item claimed
Date of prescribing	Date that the prescription was supplied by a Medical Practitioner to a patient	Hospital flag	Whether a MBS service was provided in or outside of hospital
Prescriber ID	A unique encrypted number identifying the particular prescriber of the PBS item	Bulk billing flag	The type of billing for the MBS service
Prescriber postcode	Postcode of the prescriber	Benefit paid	The amount of benefit paid to the patient
Prescriber type code	Broad field of speciality of the prescriber for the PBS item	Fee charged	The total amount a patient is charged by the Medicare service provider
Regulation 24 indicator	To indicate whether the regulation 24 code was used in the supply	Schedule fee	How much Medicare believe the Medicare service is worth
Repeat order number	The number of repeat supplies to the patient or PBS consumer	Number of services provided	The total number of MBS services provided by the Medicare service provider
Repeat prescription indicator	Original or original repeat prescription	Number of Services Processed - including	The total number of MBS services processed by the

		bulk billing and modifier items	Medicare service provider
Date of supply	Date the prescription was supplied by the pharmacy	MBS item map	Contains further information around the MBS item (the MBS has a hierarchic structure covering attendances, test and procedures and each item is allocated into a category and a group, and also often a subgroup)
Under copayment prescription	The benefit type a patient is eligible to	MBS category code (in MBS item map)	Broadest level of detail around hierarchic structure
Streamlined authority approval	The PBS authority code	MBS group code (in MBS item map)	Detailing around hierarchic structure
Form type code disc	A code for the type of forms available when making a claim for benefits available under the PBS variables included in the PBS/RPBS (RPBS = Repatriation PBS) item map (contains further information around the PBS item – see below)	MBS subgroup code (in MBS item map)	Finest level of detail around hierarchic structure
PBS drugs item map	Includes further information about the PBS item i.e., form and strength	Broad type of service (in MBS item map)	Comprises a set of related MBS groups around hierarchic structure
Drug name (in PBS item map)	The name of the chemical substance prescribed as specified in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits		
Form and strength (in PBS item map)	The form and strength of the drug		
ATC5 code (in PBS item map)	The code allocated by the World Health Organisation		

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