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Seq No.	Metadata item	METEOR identifier	Data Type [Length]	Value & Meaning
1	<a href="#">PBS item prescribed</a>	600778	String [6]	NN[NNN]A  The code set representing the medicinal and therapeutic products included in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.  The code set also includes the items listed in the separate Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (RPBS), which are structured in the same way.
2	<a href="#">Patient category</a>	600978	String [2]	GE General consumer CO Concession card holder PE Pensioner RE Repatriation (Department of Veterans' Affairs - DVA) DB Prescriber Bag OC Stoma OP Paraplegic and quadriplegic
3	<a href="#">PBS form type</a>	601198	String [2]	OR Original prescription RE Repeat prescription AU Original authority prescription AR Repeat authorisation relating to authority prescription VA Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) original prescription VR Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) repeat prescription DS Deferred supply authorisation DE Prescription written by a participating dental practitioner DB Prescriber Bag supply form OS Ostomy prescription PR Patient claim for refund form
4	<a href="#">Quantity of PBS item supplied</a>	601876	Number [4]	9999 Not stated/inadequately described
5	<a href="#">PBS benefit amount</a>	601909	Currency [8]	N[NNNNN].NN Total number of Australian dollars and cents.
6	<a href="#">PBS patient contribution</a>	603362	Currency [8]	N[NNNNN].NN Total number of Australian dollars and cents.
7	<a href="#">Repeat prescription indicator</a>	604005	String [1]	blank Original prescription R Repeat prescription
8	<a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a>	601746	String [1]	Y Yes N No

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9	<a href="#">Patient payment category</a>	600989	String [1]	blank C Prescriptions paid where a valid non-Safety Net entitlement card has been presented G Prescriptions paid where a valid Safety Net entitlement card has been presented H Prescriptions paid where a valid Safety Net entitlement card, dated from 1991 or later, has been presented and where the patient previously had an Safety Net entitlement card N Prescriptions paid where a valid Safety Net entitlement card, dated from 1991 or later, has been presented and where the patient previously had a non-Safety Net entitlement card X General, Prescriber Bag Order Form, Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) and stoma prescriptions processed after the payment category was set U Unknown
10	<a href="#">Type of drug prescribed (broad category)</a>	600297	String [2]	CA Highly Specialised Drugs (community access items) CT Chemotherapy support drugs DB Prescriber Bag DT Dental GE General GH Human growth hormone HS Highly Specialised Drugs (private hospital items) HB Highly Specialised Drugs (public hospital items) IF In-vitro fertilisation IN Chemotherapy (private hospital items) IP Chemotherapy (public hospital items) MD Methadone OT Optometrical PL Palliative care PQ Paraplegic and quadriplegic associations R1 Repatriation ST Stoma appliances SY Special authority program SZ Special authority program TY Herceptin (private hospital items) TZ Herceptin (public hospital items)
11	<a href="#">Hospital identifier</a>	601166	String [8]	N[NNNNNN]A A logical combination of valid numeric and alphabetic characters that identify an entity.
12	<a href="#">Specialty group of prescriber</a>	600681	String [2]	01 General practitioner (GP) 02 Specialist 03 Allied health professional 04 Dental practitioner

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13	<a href="#">Pharmacy approval type</a>	601577	String [1]	Y B 0 D F H	Participating public hospital Non-participating public hospital Approved community pharmacy Dispensing doctor Approved community pharmacy (flagged as a friendly society) Private hospital
14	<a href="#">Closing the Gap co-payment eligibility indicator</a>	603679	String [6]	6 spaces	Not applicable, i.e. ineligible for Closing the Gap co-payment relief
15	<a href="#">PBS claim type</a>	603902	String [1]	C U	Standard Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) co-payment claim Under co-payment claim
16	<a href="#">Prescriber type</a>	603862	String [1]	M D B O N W	Medical practitioner Dental practitioner Both Optometrist Nurse practitioner Midwife
17	<a href="#">Number of times previously supplied</a>	603916	Number [2]	99	Not stated/inadequately described
18	<a href="#">Number of authorised prescription repeats</a>	603919	Number [2]	99	Not stated/inadequately described
19	<a href="#">Record extract date</a>	602774	Date/Time [8]	DDMMYYYY	The day of a particular month and year.
20	<a href="#">Number of authorised medication supplies</a>	605072	Number [2]	99	Not stated/inadequately described
21	<a href="#">Patient category (derived)</a>	604103	String [2]	G1 G2 C0 C1 R0 R1 DB OC OP	General Safety Net prescription General non-Safety Net prescription Concessional Safety Net prescription Concessional non-Safety Net prescription Repatriation (Department of Veterans' Affairs - DVA) Safety Net prescription Repatriation (DVA) non-Safety Net prescription Prescriber Bag orders Stoma products prescription Paraplegic or quadriplegic products prescription

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22	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical benefit entitlement source</a>	605239	String [1]	D Department of Social Services (unresolved) F Families/mobility (Department of Social Services - DSS) I Invalid M Medicare (Department of Human Services - DHS) O Ostomy associations P Pension/parenting (DSS) S Safety Net (DHS) U Unemployed and special benefits (DSS) V Department of Veterans' Affairs - DVA
23	<a href="#">PBS eligibility card type</a>	605149	String [2]	BC Department of Veterans' Affairs (Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme or 'Orange card') CN Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme concessional entitlement (Department of Human Services - DHS) DT Dependant treatment entitlement (Department of Veterans' Affairs - DVA) EI Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA) ET Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA) HB Centrelink (Health Benefits) HC Centrelink (Health Care Card) JI Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA) JT Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA) KI Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA) MC Medicare (general entitlement) (DHS) OC Ostomy membership (colostomy/ileostomy) PC Pensioner concession (Department of Social Services - DSS, DVA) PM Pensioner treatment entitlement (DVA) PS Combined Pensioner concession/Senior Health Care (DVA) PT DVA (Pensioner treatment entitlement card (PTEC) or 'Gold card') PW Dependant treatment entitlement (DVA) SB Pensioner health benefits (DSS)/Centrelink (Seniors' benefit) SC Pharmaceutical benefits concession (DSS) SH Centrelink (Senior Health Card) or DVA (Senior Health Card) SN Pharmaceutical Benefit Safety Net (DHS) SP Service pension benefit (DVA) ST DVA (Specific treatment entitlement card (STEC) or 'White card') VB Pensioner health benefits (DVA) 2 blanks Not available/Not applicable/Unknown

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24	<a href="#">Therapeutic group</a>	605587	Number [1]	1 ACE inhibitor group 2 ATRA group 4 H2RA group 5 PPI group 7 Statins-HP group 8 Venlafaxine group 0 Item does not belong to a therapeutic group
25	<a href="#">Bioequivalent allowed indicator</a>	605962	String [1]	a Able to be substituted with other 'a flagged' brands b Able to be substituted with other 'b flagged' brands blank Not able to be substituted with other brands
26	<a href="#">Patient identification number</a>	601236	String [9]	N(9) A 9-digit number which uniquely identifies an entity.
27	<a href="#">Prescriber identifier</a>	600762	String [20]	N[N(19)] A logical combination of valid numeric characters that identify an entity.
28	<a href="#">Pharmacy identifier</a>	600674	String [6]	XXNNNA A logical combination of alphanumeric, numeric and alphabetic characters that identify an entity.
29	<a href="#">Australian state/territory identifier (pharmacy) (ACT-prioritised)</a>	601054	String [3]	ACT Australian Capital Territory NSW New South Wales VIC Victoria QLD Queensland SA South Australia WA Western Australia TAS Tasmania NT Northern Territory UNK Unknown
30	<a href="#">Australian state/territory identifier (person) (ACT-prioritised)</a>	616597	String [3]	ACT Australian Capital Territory NSW New South Wales VIC Victoria QLD Queensland SA South Australia WA Western Australia TAS Tasmania NT Northern Territory UNK Unknown

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31	<a href="#">Australian state/territory identifier (prescriber) (ACT-prioritised)</a>	613718	String [3]	ACT Australian Capital Territory NSW New South Wales VIC Victoria QLD Queensland SA South Australia WA Western Australia TAS Tasmania NT Northern Territory UNK Unknown
32	<a href="#">Geographic remoteness of pharmacy (PBS-specific code)</a>	613726	String [1]	1 Major cities of Australia 2 Inner and Outer regional Australia 3 Remote and Very remote Australia U Unknown
33	<a href="#">Geographic remoteness of person (PBS-specific code)</a>	617061	String [1]	1 Major cities of Australia 2 Inner and Outer regional Australia 3 Remote and Very remote Australia U Unknown
34	<a href="#">Geographic remoteness of prescriber (PBS-specific code)</a>	616995	String [1]	1 Major cities of Australia 2 Inner and Outer regional Australia 3 Remote and Very remote Australia U Unknown
35	<a href="#">Date of supply</a>	602767	Date/Time [8]	DDMMYYYY The day of a particular month and year.
36	<a href="#">Date of prescribing</a>	602772	Date/Time [8]	DDMMYYYY The day of a particular month and year.
80	<a href="#">Major specialty of prescriber</a>	607130	String [4]	0101 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) 0102 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) 0103 General practitioner - GP trainee 0104 General practitioner - GP unclassified 0201 Specialist - internal medicine 0202 Specialist - immunology and allergy 0203 Specialist - cardiology 0204 Specialist - haematology 0205 Specialist - endocrinology 0206 Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology 0207 Specialist - nephrology 0208 Specialist - neurology 0209 Specialist - nuclear medicine 0210 Specialist - paediatric medicine 0211 Specialist - rehabilitation medicine



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				0212 Specialist - rheumatology
				0213 Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine
				0214 Specialist - geriatric medicine
				0215 Specialist - medical oncology
				0216 Specialist - intensive care
				0217 Specialist - pathology
				0218 Specialist - surgery
				0219 Specialist - diagnostic radiology
				0220 Specialist - anaesthetics
				0221 Specialist - dermatology
				0222 Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology
				0223 Specialist - ophthalmology
				0224 Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT)
				0225 Specialist - public health medicine
				0226 Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery
				0227 Specialist - palliative medicine
				0228 Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine
				0229 Specialist - infectious diseases
				0230 Specialist - clinical genetics
				0231 Specialist - psychiatry
				0232 Specialist - college trainee - physician
				0233 Specialist - sport and exercise medicine
				0234 Specialist - addiction medicine
				0235 Specialist - sexual health medicine
				0236 Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine
				0237 Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility
				0238 Specialist - urogynaecology
				0299 Specialist - unclassified
				0301 Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker
				0302 Allied health - allied mental health
				0303 Allied health - chiropractor
				0304 Allied health - dietician
				0305 Allied health - midwife
				0306 Allied health - nurse practitioner
				0307 Allied health - occupational therapist
				0308 Allied health - optometrist
				0309 Allied health - osteopath
				0310 Allied health - physiotherapist
				0311 Allied health - podiatrist
				0312 Allied health - speech pathologist
				0313 Allied health - audiologist
				0314 Allied health - social worker
				0399 Allied health - unclassified
				0401 Dental practitioner - oral surgery
				0402 Dental practitioner - registered
				0403 Dental practitioner - endodontist

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				0404 Dental practitioner - orthodontist 0405 Dental practitioner - periodontist 0406 Dental practitioner - prosthetist
				0407 Dental practitioner - prosthodontist 0499 Dental practitioner - unclassified
81	<a href="#">Subspecialty of prescriber</a>	607133	String [6]	010101 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - non-referred attendances 010102 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - procedural 010103 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - anaesthesia 010104 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - acupuncture 010105 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - obstetrics 010106 General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - diagnostic imaging 010201 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - non-referred attendances 010202 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - procedural 010203 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - anaesthesia 010204 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - acupuncture 010205 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - obstetrics 010206 General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - diagnostic imaging  010301 General practitioner - GP trainee - GP trainee 019999 General practitioner - unclassified - unclassified 020101 Specialist - internal medicine - internal medicine 020102 Specialist - internal medicine - general medicine 020103 Specialist - internal medicine - clinical pathology 020201 Specialist - immunology and allergy - immunology and allergy 020301 Specialist - cardiology - cardiology 020401 Specialist - haematology - haematology 020501 Specialist - endocrinology - endocrinology 020601 Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology - gastroenterology and hepatology 020701 Specialist - nephrology - nephrology 020801 Specialist - neurology - neurology 020901 Specialist - nuclear medicine - nuclear medicine 021001 Specialist - paediatric medicine - paediatric medicine  021101 Specialist - rehabilitation medicine - rehabilitation medicine 021201 Specialist - rheumatology - rheumatology 021301 Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine - respiratory and sleep medicine 021401 Specialist - geriatric medicine - geriatric medicine 021501 Specialist - medical oncology - medical oncology 021601 Specialist - intensive care - intensive care 021701 Specialist - pathology - pathology 021801 Specialist - surgery - general surgery 021802 Specialist - surgery - cardiothoracic surgery

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				021803 Specialist - surgery - neurosurgery
				021804 Specialist - surgery - orthopaedic surgery
				021805 Specialist - surgery - paediatric surgery
				021806 Specialist - surgery - plastic and reconstructive surgery
				021807 Specialist - surgery - urology
				021808 Specialist - surgery - vascular surgery
				021901 Specialist - diagnostic radiology - diagnostic radiology
				022001 Specialist - anaesthetics - anaesthetics
				022101 Specialist - dermatology - dermatology
				022201 Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology - obstetrics and gynaecology
				022301 Specialist - ophthalmology - ophthalmology
				022401 Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT) - ear, nose and throat (ENT)
				022501 Specialist - public health medicine - public health medicine
				022601 Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery - oral and maxillofacial surgery
				022701 Specialist - palliative medicine - palliative medicine
				022801 Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine - occupational and environmental medicine
				022901 Specialist - infectious diseases - infectious diseases
				023001 Specialist - clinical genetics - clinical genetics
				023101 Specialist - psychiatry - psychiatry
				023201 Specialist - college trainee (physician) - college trainee (physician)
				023301 Specialist - sport and exercise medicine - sport and exercise medicine
				023401 Specialist - addiction medicine - addiction medicine
				023501 Specialist - sexual health medicine - sexual health medicine
				023601 Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine - maternal-foetal medicine
				023701 Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility - reproductive endocrinology and infertility
				023801 Specialist - urogynaecology - urogynaecology
				029999 Specialist - unclassified - unclassified
				030101 Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker - Aboriginal Health Worker
				030201 Allied health - allied mental health - mental health worker
				030202 Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (clinical)
				030203 Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (non-clinical)
				030301 Allied health - chiropractor - chiropractor
				030401 Allied health - dietician - dietician
				030402 Allied health - dietician - diabetes educator
				030501 Allied health - midwife - midwife
				030601 Allied health - nurse practitioner - nurse practitioner
				030701 Allied health - occupational therapist - occupational therapist
				030801 Allied health - optometrist - optometrist
				030901 Allied health - osteopath - osteopath
				031001 Allied health - physiotherapist - physiotherapist
				031002 Allied health - physiotherapist - exercise physiologist
				031101 Allied health - podiatrist - podiatrist
				031201 Allied health - speech pathologist - speech pathologist
				031301 Allied health - audiologist - audiologist

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				031401 Allied health - social worker - social worker 039999 Allied health - unclassified - unclassified
				040101 Dental practitioner - oral surgery - oral surgery 040201 Dental practitioner - registered - registered 040301 Dental practitioner - endodontist - endodontist 040401 Dental practitioner - orthodontist - orthodontist 040501 Dental practitioner - periodontist - periodontist 040601 Dental practitioner - prosthetist - prosthetist 040701 Dental practitioner - prosthodontist - prosthodontist 049999 Dental practitioner - unclassified - unclassified
98	<a href="#">Date of birth</a>	287007	Date/Time [8]	DDMMYYYY The day of a particular month and year.
99	<a href="#">Sex (alphabetic code)</a>	602450	String [1]	M Male F Female I Intersex or indeterminate N Not stated/inadequately described U Unknown blank Unknown