

# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —number of authorised medication supplies, total number N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of authorised medication supplies
METEOR identifier:	605072
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 17/12/2015
Definition:	For a given Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription, the total number of times that the prescribed medicinal product is supplied to the patient or PBS consumer.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—number of authorised medication supplies</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Total number N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>This data item should be used in conjunction with the data item <a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a>.</p> <p>For 'single supply' prescriptions, i.e. those that specify an original supply only of the prescribed medicinal product with no repeats, this data item should have a value of 1.</p> <p>For repeat prescriptions, this data item should have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a value of 1 for those prescriptions where <a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a> has a negative response, or</li><li>• a value equivalent to 1 plus the number of repeats specified by the <a href="#">prescriber</a> for those prescriptions where <a href="#">Regulation 24 applicable indicator</a> has a positive response, e.g. for a prescription where 5 repeats are specified by the prescriber and the Regulation 24 applicable indicator has a positive response, this data should have a value of 6.</li></ul>
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—Regulation 24 applicable indicator, yes/no code A](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

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