



**PB 29 of 2024**

# **National Health (Prescriber Bag Supplies) Determination 2024**

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I, Nikolai Tsyganov, as delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following determination.

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## Part 1—Preliminary

### 1 Name

- (1) This instrument is the *National Health (Prescriber Bag Supplies) Determination 2024*.
- (2) This instrument may also be cited as PB 29 of 2024.

### 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	<i>1 April 2024</i>	<i>1 April 2024</i>

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

### 3 Authority

This instrument is made under sections 93 and 93AB of the *National Health Act 1953*.

### 4 Definitions

Note 1: Under subsection 4(1A) of the Act, a word or phrase defined for the purposes of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* has the meaning that it would have if used in that Act. Expressions used in this instrument that are defined in that Act include ‘medical practitioner’.

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *National Health Act 1953*.

*authorised nurse practitioner* has the same meaning as in Part VII of the Act.

*pharmaceutical benefit* has the same meaning as in Part VII of the Act.

*pharmaceutical benefit has a drug* has the same meaning as in Part VII of the Act.

*pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form*: see section 5.

## **5 References to a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form**

A reference in this instrument to a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form is a reference to a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug mentioned in an item in Schedule 1 in the column headed “Listed Drug” in the form mentioned for that drug in the column in Schedule 1 headed “Form”.

## Part 2—Authorisation of practitioners and maximum quantity (number of units)

### 6 Authorisation of practitioners to supply pharmaceutical benefits

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 93(1) of the Act, a medical practitioner is authorised to supply a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form if the initials “MP” are mentioned for that drug in that form in the column in Schedule 1 headed “Prescriber Bag Supplier”.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection 93AB(1) of the Act, an authorised nurse practitioner is authorised to supply a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form if the initials “NP” are mentioned for that drug in that form in the column in Schedule 1 headed “Prescriber Bag Supplier”.

### 7 Maximum quantity (number of units)

- (1) This section determines the maximum number of units of a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form which may be obtained by a medical practitioner or an authorised nurse practitioner (a *practitioner*) in a calendar month for the purposes of subsection 93(2) and subsection 93AB(2) of the Act.
- (2) The maximum number of units is the number of units mentioned in the column in Schedule 1 headed “Maximum Quantity” for that drug in that form.
- (3) Despite subsection (2), if a practitioner has already obtained 1 or more units of a pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form in a group in the same calendar month, the maximum number of units of any other pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form in that group is zero for that calendar month.
- (4) For this section, a *group* is each pharmaceutical benefit that has a drug in a relevant form which has the same number mentioned for the drug and form in the column in Schedule 1 headed “Group Number”.

## Schedule 1—Pharmaceutical benefits that may be supplied by authorised suppliers

Group Number	Listed Drug	Form	Prescriber Bag Supplier	Maximum Quantity
1	Adrenaline (epinephrine)	Injection 1 mg (as acid tartrate) in 1 mL (1 in 1,000)	MP, NP	5
3	Atropine	Injection containing atropine sulfate monohydrate 600 micrograms in 1 mL	MP, NP	10
58	Benzathine benzylpenicillin	Injection containing 1,200,000 units benzathine benzylpenicillin tetrahydrate in 2.3 mL single use pre-filled syringe	MP, NP	10
58	Benzathine benzylpenicillin	Powder for injection 1,200,000 units with diluent 5 mL (S19A)	MP, NP	10
31	Benzatropine	Injection containing benztropine mesilate 2 mg in 2 mL	MP, NP	5
17	Benzylpenicillin	Powder for injection 600 mg (as sodium)	MP, NP	5
32	Benzylpenicillin	Powder for injection 3 g (as sodium)	MP, NP	1
4	Chlorpromazine	Injection containing chlorpromazine hydrochloride 50 mg in 2 mL	MP, NP	10
34	Clonazepam	Oral liquid 2.5 mg per mL, 10 mL	MP, NP	1
25	Diphtheria and tetanus vaccine, adsorbed, diluted for adult use	Injection 0.5 mL in pre-filled syringe	MP, NP	10
10	Furosemide	Injection 20 mg in 2 mL	MP, NP	5
60	Furosemide	Tablet 20 mg	MP, NP	50
26	Glucagon	Injection set containing glucagon hydrochloride 1 mg (1 I.U.) and 1 mL solvent in disposable syringe	MP, NP	1
26	Glucagon	Injection set containing glucagon hydrochloride 1 mg (1 I.U.) and 1 mL solvent in disposable syringe (s19A)	MP, NP	1
30	Glyceryl Trinitrate	Sublingual spray (pump pack) 400 micrograms per dose, 200 doses	MP, NP	1
4	Haloperidol	Injection 5 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	10
12	Hydrocortisone	Injection 100 mg (as sodium succinate) with 2 mL solvent	MP, NP	2

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Group Number	Listed Drug	Form	Prescriber Bag Supplier	Maximum Quantity
12	Hydrocortisone	Injection 250 mg (as sodium succinate) with 2 mL solvent	MP, NP	1
33	Hyoscine	Injection containing hyoscine butylbromide 20 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	5
54	Lidocaine	Injection containing lidocaine hydrochloride monohydrate 50 mg in 5 mL	MP, NP	5
35	Methoxyflurane	Liquid for inhalation 999 mg per g, 3 mL (with inhaler)	MP	1
18	Metoclopramide	Injection containing 10 mg metoclopramide hydrochloride (as monohydrate) in 2 mL	MP, NP	10
53	Midazolam	Injection 5 mg (as hydrochloride) in 1 mL	MP, NP	10
62	Molnupiravir	Capsule 200 mg	MP, NP	80
14	Morphine	Injection containing morphine hydrochloride trihydrate 10 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	5
14	Morphine	Injection containing morphine hydrochloride trihydrate 20 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	5
14	Morphine	Injection containing morphine sulfate pentahydrate 15 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	5
14	Morphine	Injection containing morphine sulfate pentahydrate 30 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	5
57	Naloxone	Injection containing naloxone hydrochloride 400 micrograms in 1 mL ampoule	MP, NP	10
61	Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir	Pack containing 4 tablets nirmatrelvir 150 mg and 2 tablets ritonavir 100 mg, 5	MP, NP	2
55	Phytomenadione	Injection 10 mg in 1 mL	MP	5
17	Procaine benzylpenicillin	Injection 1.5 g in disposable syringe	MP, NP	5
18	Prochlorperazine	Injection containing prochlorperazine mesilate 12.5 mg in 1 mL	MP, NP	10
19	Promethazine	Injection containing promethazine hydrochloride 50 mg in 2 mL	MP, NP	10
59	Salbutamol	Nebuliser solution 2.5 mg (as sulfate) in 2.5 mL single dose units, 20	MP, NP	1
59	Salbutamol	Nebuliser solution 2.5 mg (as sulfate) in 2.5 mL single dose units, 20 (S19A)	MP, NP	1
59	Salbutamol	Nebuliser solution 2.5 mg (as sulfate) in 2.5 mL single dose units, 30	MP, NP	1

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28	Salbutamol	Nebuliser solution 5 mg (as sulfate) in 2.5 mL single dose units, 20	MP, NP	1
28	Salbutamol	Nebuliser solution 5 mg (as sulfate) in 2.5 mL single dose units, 30	MP, NP	1
59	Salbutamol	Pressurised inhalation 100 micrograms (as sulfate) per dose with dose counter, 200 doses (CFC-free formulation)	MP, NP	1
16	Tramadol	Injection containing tramadol hydrochloride 100 mg in 2 mL	MP, NP	5