



Requirements for Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services (RAAHS) Prescriptions

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This document explains the prescription requirements for the RAAHS Program, as set out under Commonwealth legislation.

About the requirements for RAAHS Prescriptions

To comply with section 12 of the [National Health \(RAAHS Program\) Special Arrangement 2017](#), the following requirements are to be met for RAAHS prescriptions.

Key Details to Include

A RAAHS prescription for a patient of an approved Aboriginal Health Service (AHS) is a prescription that is for the supply of an eligible pharmaceutical benefit in relation to the treatment of the patient and:

- States the name, address and (if known) Medicare number of the patient; and
- Identifies the pharmaceutical benefit by such particulars as are necessary to identify the pharmaceutical benefit; and
- States the quantity or number of units, and form, and strength of the pharmaceutical benefit to be supplied; and
- Indicates the pharmaceutical benefit's dose, frequency and route of administration; and
- Is written and signed by a person mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - subsection (2): A person is authorised to write a remote area Aboriginal health service prescription for a patient of an approved Aboriginal health service if the person is:
 - a Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber; and
 - an employee or contractor of the AHS; and
 - qualified under the law of the relevant State or Territory to supply all eligible pharmaceutical benefits.
- States the name and address of the person writing the prescription; and

- States the name and registration number of the approved Aboriginal Health service; and
- States the date on which the prescription is written.

Recommended Best Practice

It is recommended that the term '**RAAHS Prescription**' be prominently included on the form to distinguish it from PBS prescriptions.

Authority Numbers

There is no legislative requirement to include authority approval numbers or streamlined codes.