



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

*National Health Act 1953*  
*National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017*

**INSTRUMENT OF APPROVAL—APPROVED FORM FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
WRITING AN ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION**

I, THEA DANIEL, Assistant Secretary, Pricing and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Policy Branch, Technology Assessment and Access Division, Department of Health, delegate for the Secretary of the Department of Health, acting under subparagraph 40(2)(c)(ii) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* (the **Regulations**), approve a form in which a PBS prescriber writes an electronic prescription if the form:

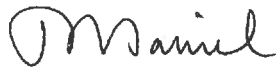
- (a) includes a prescription data component that:
  - (i) enables the inclusion of any information that is required or permitted by the Regulations to be included in the prescription; and
  - (ii) is encrypted until it is retrieved by conformant dispensing software for the purpose of supplying the pharmaceutical benefit; and
- (b) includes a metadata component that:
  - (i) enables the inclusion of any metadata that is required or permitted by the Regulations to be included in the prescription; and
  - (ii) is encrypted while the prescription is in transit; and
  - (iii) is able to be decrypted by conformant information systems in order to support the technical operation and identification of the prescription; and
- (c) can be retrieved electronically for the purpose of supplying a pharmaceutical benefit by means of an electronic token provided to the person for whom the pharmaceutical benefit is to be supplied (the *patient*); and
- (d) enables the following information to be presented to the patient in human-readable format:
  - (i) the name of the patient;
  - (ii) the date on which the prescription is written;
  - (iii) the name of the pharmaceutical benefit to be supplied;
  - (iv) the strength of the pharmaceutical benefit;
  - (v) if the supply of the pharmaceutical benefit is to be repeated—the number of times it is to be repeated;

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- (vi) the name, address and contact number of the PBS prescriber;
  - (vii) a privacy notice relating to collection of personal information by the Australian Government for the assessment and administration of payments and services, in a form approved by the Chief Executive Medicare.

Note: For other requirements relating to prescriptions for the supply of pharmaceutical benefits, see the Regulations, especially sections 39 to 41B.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

(Signed by)



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