Same medication. Different PBS requirements

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Selecting the medication

In prescribing software, multiple PBS listings may appear for the same medication



PBS item code are not clearly displayed
Check the selected listing's clinical criteria, quantity and repeats before generating the prescription

Prescription example

The GP has selected a PBS listing that allows 2 repeat and then manually changed to 5



Different PBS listings

The same medicine can have different PBS requirements depending on the indication

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	2-repeat listing	5-repeat listing
Drug Name	Tenofovir Disoproxil	Tenofovir Disoproxil
Schedule	S100 HSD Community Access	S100 HSD Community Access
PBS Item Code	11978K	11142K
Clinical Criteria	HBV Pregnancy	Combination treatment in naïve patient
Streamline	10362	6998
Max qty units	60	60
# of repeats	2	5

Getting Authority Prescription(streamline) Right, First Time

Three checks to help patient access PBS-subsidised medicines without unnecessary delays

01

Select the correct medication listing

Ensure the selected listing matches the patient's clinical indication, permitted quantity and repeats.

02

Use the correct paper form

Use the appropriate PBS authority prescription form when generating an authority prescription.

03

Include the required authority details

Ensure the required Authority Prescription Number (APN) and applicable streamline authority code is included.

