




PBS Authorities – Changes to paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria

We understand having access to PBS-subsidised medicines can be critical to patient care. That's why Services Australia and the Department of Health and Aged Care are continuing to work together to increase the number of PBS medicines that can be requested and approved using the Online PBS Authorities system (the system). This will include eculizumab, pegcetacoplan and ravulizumab for paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria from 1 December 2024.

These changes will make it easier for you to request authority approval for these medicines from Services Australia. You will no longer need to submit written authority applications, details of the proposed prescriptions and test results for certain medicines and treatment phases. Instead, you will be able to use the system to apply for authority approval and provide evidence digitally.

Summary of changes from 1 December 2024

Medicines	Authority Level	Details of Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eculizumab Pegcetacoplan Ravulizumab 	<p>Online / Written: Initial, grandfather & continuing treatments</p> 	<p>Authority applications can be made using the Online PBS Authorities system or in writing.</p> <p>When submitted online, the application will be assessed by a Services Australia operator (process known as a Delayed Assessment).</p> <p>When assessed you will receive an outcome notification directly to your Health Professional Online Service (HPOS) mailbox.</p>
 Request authority online – Delayed Assessment		 Upload form via HPOS or post

If you're submitting the authority application form via post or Health Professional Online Service (HPOS) form upload facility, you'll still need to submit the authority application form and details of the proposed prescriptions.

For more information about the **Online PBS Authorities system** visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

Services Australia has a broad range of educational resources on the **Health Professional Education Resources** website. This includes simulations, podcast and an infographic on the Online PBS Authorities system. Visit <https://hpe.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pharmaceutical-benefits-scheme.html>

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