

# PBS Authorities – Changes to the atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome program

We understand having access to PBS-subsidised medicines can be critical to patient care. That’s why Services Australia and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing 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 and ravulizumab for the treatment of atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome (aHUS) from 1 March 2026.

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.

When using the system, you will notice changes when responding to aHUS eligibility questions. We recommend you document your patient’s baseline values and previous treatment failures in their medical records. This will help if you need to provide previously supplied information to demonstrate patient eligibility for change, recommencement and continuing treatments.

## Summary of changes from 1 March 2026

| Medicine    | Authority Level   | Details of Changes  |
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| eculizumab  | <p><b>Online / Written:</b><br/>Initial, switching, recommencement and 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 require assessment by a Services Australia operator (process known as a Full (Delayed) Assessment).</p> <p>When assessed you will receive an outcome notification directly to your Health Professional Online Service (HPOS) mailbox.</p> |
| ravulizumab | <p><b>Online / Written:</b><br/>Initial, switching, recommencement, grandfather and 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 require assessment by a Services Australia operator (process known as a Full (Delayed) Assessment).</p> <p>When assessed you will receive an outcome notification directly to your Health Professional Online Service (HPOS) mailbox.</p> |

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|  Request authority online – Full (Delayed) Assessment |  Upload form via HPOS or post |
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## FURTHER INFORMATION



Contact **PBS Complex Drugs** on 1800 700 270 for further information about these changes.

For more information about the **Online PBS Authorities system** visit [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities](http://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>

Visit [servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpwrittenauthoritydrugs](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpwrittenauthoritydrugs) on the Services Australia website to find the most up to date authority application form for each drug, program or condition.

If you require additional assistance or have any queries, please email [authority.comms.change@servicesaustralia.gov.au](mailto:authority.comms.change@servicesaustralia.gov.au).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### Release of information

The transfer of a patient's personal information, including baseline values and previous failures, must be arranged by health professionals and the patient.



### Submitting Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Written Applications through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) form upload

When submitting PBS authority forms through HPOS form upload, it is important to select the correct Form Category. For PBS patients, select PBS Authorities. For DVA patients, select RPBS Authorities. Remember that only yourself or your delegate/s are authorised to upload PBS and RPBS Authority applications.

Make sure you've:

- linked your prescriber number to your Provider Digital Access (PRODA) account for HPOS; and
- Set up your delegations in HPOS.

Visit [servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS) for more information on how to Link your Health Identifiers to HPOS and Manage delegations.



### PBS Authorities items criteria

Under the PBS, medicines are made available based on recommendations from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC). Patients must meet the set criteria to be eligible for PBS subsidised medicines. Services Australia are unable to provide approval for an Authority Required medication where a patient does not meet the criteria established by PBAC.

If you have concerns or questions about the eligibility criteria set by PBAC, you can contact the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing by email at [pbs@health.gov.au](mailto:pbs@health.gov.au).

## REMINDERS



### PBS Authorities – written authority application forms

To align with PBS listing changes, forms are updated on the first of the month. Using the most recent form will help avoid delays in obtaining authority approval. Search the Services Australia website to access the most recent forms.



### Correct PBS item code

When prescribing PBS medicines via the Online PBS Authorities system, ensure you have selected the correct medicine to match what is on the prescription. This will avoid delays with providing patients with the medication they require.



### Ensuring you are providing accurate data

It's important to ensure you are providing accurate and up to date information when completing an authority application. Failure to do so may result in your authority request being rejected.