

# **COMPLEX AUTHORITY REQUIRED HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS (CAR-HSDs)**

**April 2008**

## **(ABATACEPT, BOSENTAN, EPOPROSTENOL, ETANERCEPT, ILOPROST, INFlixIMAB, RITUXIMAB, SILDENAFIL CITRATE, AND SITAXENTAN ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH PUBLIC HOSPITALS)**

### **PRESCRIBING**

All s100 Highly Specialised Drugs Program funded supply of abatacept, bosentan, epoprostenol, etanercept, iloprost, infliximab, rituximab, sildenafil citrate and sitaxentan will require an authority approval from Medicare Australia prior to dispensing.

- When applying to Medicare Australia for authority approval public hospital prescribers must use a Medicare Australia Authority Prescription form (this includes Public Hospital PBS Prescriptions).
- The prescriber needs to indicate on the Medicare Australia authority prescription form whether the approved prescription is to be returned to the prescriber or the patient.
- The appropriate supporting information form must be completed.
- The completed Medicare Australia authority prescription and supporting information form must be sent to:

***Medicare Australia***

***Prior written approval of specialised drugs***

***Reply paid 9826***

***PO Box 9826***

***Hobart TASMANIA 7001***

- Upon approval Medicare Australia will enter the approval number on the Medicare Australia authority prescription form and return it by mail to the prescriber or patient (as indicated on the form).

### **DISPENSING**

The Medicare Australia authority prescription with approval number can be dispensed either by the public hospital pharmacy or an approved community pharmacy.

#### **Dispensing repeats from a public hospital pharmacy.**

- Repeats can be dispensed up to the maximum number on the Medicare Australia authority approval.
- Repeats should be identified in the hospital pharmacy records by the Medicare Australia approval number issued for the initial supply.
- Patient copayment arrangements will be the same as for other PBS items.

### **CLAIMING**

Hospitals should submit the dispensed CAR-HSD prescriptions with their normal PBS claim to Medicare Australia. Claims will not be accepted if

made via the Highly Specialised Drugs program arrangements administered through the Department of Human Services.

### **Post supply risk assessment**

- Hospitals will apply usual audit processes as for other Highly Specialised Drugs.
- Medicare Australia may conduct post-supply sample audits of prescribing and dispensing in public hospitals, to confirm that approval requirements were met and that approved patients did receive the approved quantities.
- Hospitals will provide access to Medicare Australia to undertake post-supply risk assessments, upon request, at a mutually convenient time.

**COMPLEX AUTHORITY REQUIRED HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS (CAR HSDs) - PRESCRIBING CRITERIA INFORMATION and FORMS are available at:**

[www.medicare.gov.au/provider/pbs/drugs/index.shtml](http://www.medicare.gov.au/provider/pbs/drugs/index.shtml)