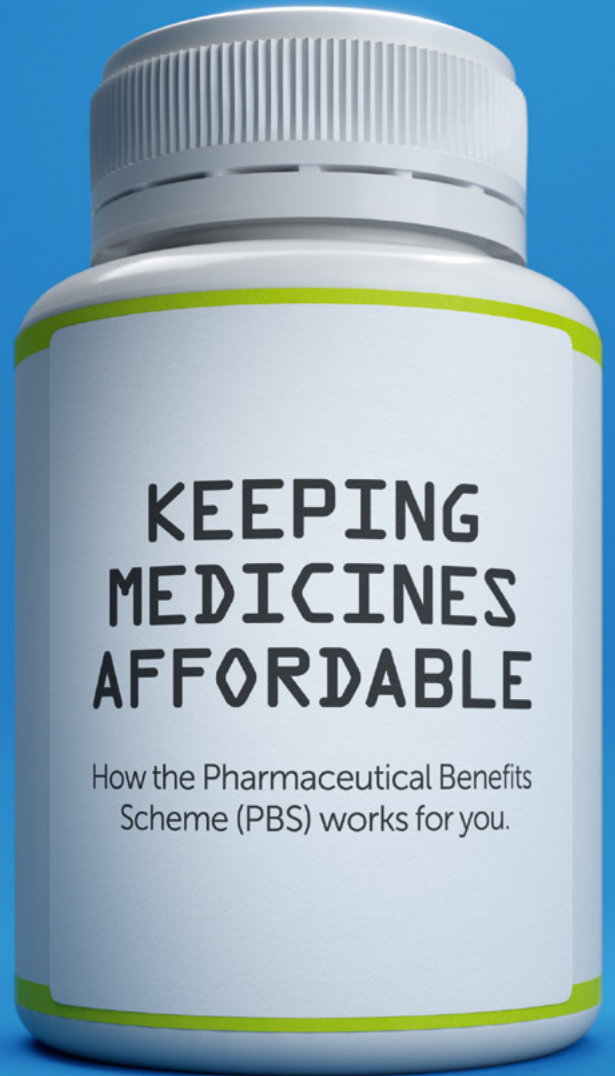


For more information, including what
PBS medicines are available to you,
talk to your health professional or
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How does the PBS work?

The PBS provides affordable access to medicines for Australians, with the Australian Government subsidising the cost of medicines on average by 89%.

It applies to over 5,000 clinically-proven products and covers a broad range of conditions, from asthma and arthritis to diabetes and cancer.



When you present your PBS prescription to your pharmacist, with your Medicare card, you will normally only pay \$40.30 or \$6.50 if you have a concession card. The Australian Government pays the remaining cost.

You pay even less once you have reached the PBS Safety Net.

Safe use of Medicines

Always use your medicines as prescribed by your health care provider.

Taking out-of-date medicines, using the incorrect dosage or sharing your prescribed medicines with other people can cause significant health and social problems, and in some cases death.

Medicines can lose their effectiveness over time or their chemical composition can change and they can become dangerous.

Community pharmacies offer support to help you better manage your PBS medicines to get the safest and best results. This includes Government subsidised programs to help you understand your medicines, remember when to take them and assist you to use them safely.

You will receive a Consumer Medicines Information leaflet with your medicine. Make sure you read it and follow the directions.

Always dispose of your unused or out-of-date medicines safely. The easiest way to do this is to take them to your local pharmacy where they can be safely disposed of for free.