

Additional information from Medicare Australia relating to data provided for research

Power of attorney – A power of attorney is a document that appoints a person to act on behalf of another person who grants that power. In particular, an enduring power of attorney allows the appointed person to act on behalf of another person even when that person has become mentally incapacitated. The powers under a power of attorney may be unlimited or limited to specific acts.

Guardianship order – A Guardianship order is an order made by a Guardianship Board/Tribunal that appoints a guardian to make decisions for another person. A Guardianship order may be expressed broadly or limited to particular aspects of the care of another person.

A sample of the information that may be included in your Medicare claims history:

Date of service	Date of Processing	Item number	Item description	Provider charge	Schedule Fee	Benefit paid	Patient out of pocket	Bill type
20/04/09	03/05/09	00023	Level B consultation	\$38.30	\$34.30	\$34.30	\$4.00	Cash
22/06/09	23/06/09	11700	ECG	\$29.50	\$29.50	\$29.50		Bulk Bill

Scrambled ordering Provider number*	Scrambled rendering Provider number*	Date of referral	Rendering Provider postcode	Ordering Provider postcode	Hospital indicator	Item category
	999999A		2300		N	1
999999A	999999A	20/04/09	2300	2302	N	2

* Scrambled Provider number refers to a unique scrambled provider number identifying the doctor who provided/referred the service. Generally, each individual provider number will be scrambled and the identity of that provider will not be disclosed.

A sample of the information that may be included in your PBS claims history:

Date of supply	Date of prescribing	PBS item code	Item description	Patient category	Patient contribution	Net Benefit	Scrambled Prescriber number*	Pharmacy postcode	Form Category
06/03/09	01/03/09	03133X	Oxazepam Tablet 30 mg	Concessional Ordinary	\$5.30	\$25.55	9999999	2560	Original
04/07/09	28/05/09	03161J	Diazepam Tablet 2 mg	General Ordinary	\$30.85		9999999	2530	Repeat

ATC Code	ATC Name
N05 B A 04	Oxazepam
N05 B A 01	Diazepam

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