

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis – initial authority application

Online PBS Authorities



Requesting PBS Authorities online provides an immediate assessment in real time.

For more information and how to access the **Online PBS Authorities** system, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

When to use this form

Use this form to apply for **initial** PBS-subsidised nintedanib or pirfenidone for patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).

Important information

Initial applications to start PBS-subsidised treatment can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system or in writing and must include sufficient information to determine the patient's eligibility according to the PBS criteria.

Under no circumstances will phone approvals be granted for **initial** authority applications.

The information in this form is correct at the time of publishing and may be subject to change.

Continuing treatment

This form is **ONLY** for **initial** treatment.

After an authority application for **initial** treatment has been approved, applications for **continuing, change or recommencement** of treatment can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system or by phone. Call 1800 700 270 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, local time.

For more information

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals

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Patient's details

1 Medicare card number

Ref no.

or

Department of Veterans' Affairs card number

2 Family name

First given name

3 Date of birth (DD MM YYYY)

Prescriber's details

4 Prescriber number

5 Family name

First given name

6 Business phone number (including area code)

Alternative phone number (including area code)

Conditions and criteria

To qualify for PBS authority approval, the following conditions
must be met.

7 The patient:

☐ has been diagnosed through a multidisciplinary team

and

☐ is being treated by, or in consultation with a respiratory
physician or specialist physician

and

☐ has a chest high resolution computed tomography (HRCT)
consistent with a diagnosis of IPF, performed within the
previous 12 months

and

☐ has a forced vital capacity (FVC) of at least 50% predicted
for age, gender and height

and

☐ has a forced expiratory volume in 1 second to forced vital
capacity (FEV1/ FVC) ratio greater than 0.7

and

☐ did not have an acute respiratory infection at the time of
FVC measurement

and

☐ has diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide
(DLCO) corrected for haemoglobin of at least 30%

and

☐ does not have interstitial lung disease due to other known
causes including domestic and occupational environmental
exposures, connective tissue disease, or drug toxicity

and

☐ will receive this treatment as the sole PBS-subsidised
therapy for IPF.

8 Is the patient undergoing sequential or simultaneous PBS-subsidised treatment for this condition and progressive fibrosing interstitial lung disease (PF-ILD)?

No ☐

Yes ☐

9 Has the patient or their guardian been informed of the criteria for initiating and continuing therapy as per the PBS treatment criteria?

No ☐

Yes ☐



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Checklist

- 10  The relevant attachments need to be provided with this form.

☐ Details of the proposed prescription(s).

Privacy notice

- 11 Personal information is protected by law (including the *Privacy Act 1988*) and is collected by Services Australia for the purposes of assessing and processing this authority application.

Personal information may be used by Services Australia, or given to other parties where the individual has agreed to this, or where it is required or authorised by law (including for the purpose of research or conducting investigations).

More information about the way in which Services Australia manages personal information, including our privacy policy, can be found at servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacypolicy

Prescriber's declaration

You do not need to **sign** the declaration if you complete this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader and return this form through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos

12 I declare that:

- I am aware that this patient must meet the criteria listed in the current Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits to be eligible for this medicine
- I have informed the patient that their personal information (including health information) will be disclosed to Services Australia for the purposes of assessing and processing this authority application
- I have provided details of the proposed prescription(s) and the relevant attachments as specified in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme restriction
- the information I have provided in this form is complete and correct.

I understand that:

- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

☐ I have read, understood and agree to the above.

Date (DD MM YYYY) (you **must** date this declaration)

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Prescriber's signature (**only** required if returning by post)



Returning this form

Return this form, details of the proposed prescription(s) and any relevant attachments:

- **online** (no signature required), upload through HPOS at servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos
or
- by post (signature required) to
Services Australia,
Complex Drugs Programs
Reply Paid 9826
HOBART TAS 7001