

Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria – eculizumab or ravulizumab – initial grandfather authority application

When to use this form

Use this authority application form to apply for **initial grandfather** Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) subsidised eculizumab or ravulizumab for patients with paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria (PNH) who had, prior to **1 March 2022**:

- received non-PBS subsidised treatment with eculizumab or ravulizumab – maintenance phase
- received eculizumab through the Australian Government's Life Saving Drugs Program (LSDP) and are continuing on eculizumab.

Important information

Initial grandfather applications to start PBS subsidised treatment must be 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 paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria initial grandfather authority applications that would extend the relevant treatment period.

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

Section 100 arrangements

This item is available to a patient who is attending:

- an approved private hospital
- a public participating hospital, **or**
- a public hospital

and is:

- a day admitted patient
- a non-admitted patient, **or**
- a patient on discharge.

This item is not available as a PBS benefit for in-patients of the hospital.

The hospital name and provider number must be included in this form.

Continuing treatment

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

For continuing PBS-subsidised treatment, the patient must qualify under the **first continuing** or **subsequent continuing** treatment criteria.

For more information

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals

16 Prior to commencing treatment with eculizumab or ravulizumab, the patient had:

experienced a thrombotic/embolic event which required anticoagulant therapy

or

been transfused with at least 4 units of red blood cells in the last 12 months

or

debilitating shortness of breath/chest pain resulting in limitation of normal activity (New York Heart Association Class III) and/or established diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension, where causes other than PNH have been excluded

or

a history of renal insufficiency, demonstrated by an eGFR less than or equal to 60 mL/min/1.73m², where causes other than PNH have been excluded

or

recurrent episodes of severe pain requiring hospitalisation and/or narcotic analgesia where causes other than PNH have been excluded

or

chronic/recurrent anaemia, where causes other than haemolysis have been excluded, together with multiple haemoglobin measurements:

not exceeding 70 g/L in the absence of anaemia symptoms


or

not exceeding 100 g/L in addition to having anaemia symptoms.

17 Provide the details of the following test results:

Test	Result	Date of test (DD MM YYYY)			
Haemoglobin (g/L)					
Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)					
White Cell Count (x10 ⁹ /L)					
Reticulocytes (x10 ⁹ /L)					
Neutrophils (x10 ⁹ /L)					
Granulocyte clone size (%)					
Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) and the upper limit of normal (ULN) for the reporting laboratory					
Multiple of LDH, ULN					

Checklist

18  The relevant attachments need to be provided with this form.

The completed authority prescription form(s).

Privacy notice

19 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 servicessaustralia.gov.au/privacy

Prescriber's declaration

20 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 the completed authority prescription form(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.

Prescriber's signature



Date (DD MM YYYY)

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Returning this form

Return this form and any supporting documents:

- online**, upload this form, the authority prescription form(s) and any relevant attachments through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at servicessaustralia.gov.au/hpos or
- by post, send this form, the authority prescription form(s) and any relevant attachments to:

Services Australia
Complex Drugs Programs
Reply Paid 9826
HOBART TAS 7001