

MBS and PBS Variable Checklist

This form lists variables for both the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Only complete this checklist if you are proposing to link the 45 and Up Study data to Department of Human Services records.

For both the MBS and PBS lists there are some variables that are classified as *restricted access* because they may contain information that is a risk to participant privacy. Requests for *restricted access* variables will be given more rigorous review before approval. The MBS and PBS data do not form part of any participant record stored in the 45 and Up Study questionnaire data collection.

Please consult the data dictionary for more information about the MBS and PBS items
<https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/MBS-Data-Dictionary-January-2017.pdf> and
<https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/PBS-Data-Dictionary-January-2017.pdf>

Access to MBS and PBS data for approved projects is available only via the Secured Unified Research Environment (SURE). For more information about using the SURE facility to access data see <https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/our-work/sure/>

Please submit this checklist with the **45 and Up Study Project Application Form** or the **Application to Amend Approved Research Project Form**.

Project Details

Project Title

Lead Investigator Name

Requested Datasets Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)

Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Variables

Date of Service	Justification
Date of Processing	Justification
MBS Item Description	Justification
Medicare Item Number	Justification

Provider Charge	Justification
Schedule Fee	Justification
Benefit Paid	Justification
Patient Out of Pocket	Justification
Bill Type	Justification
Scrambled Ordering Provider Number	Justification
Scrambled Rendering Provider Number	Justification
Date of Referral	Justification
Hospital Indicator	Justification
Provider Speciality	Justification
Item Category	Justification
Rendering Provider Postcode	Justification
Ordering Provider Postcode	Justification

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Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS) Variables

Date of Supply	Justification
Date of Prescribing	Justification
PBS Item Code	Justification
PBS Item Description	Justification
Patient Category	Justification
Patient Contribution	Justification
Net Benefit	Justification
Scrambled Prescriber Number	Justification
Form Category	Justification
Gross Price	Justification
Prescriber Speciality	Justification
Quantity Supplied	Justification
ATC Code	Justification
Pharmacy Postcode	Justification