

Prescriber Bag: Dos and Don'ts

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is aware that some medical practitioners are being encouraged to use a prescriber bag (doctor's bag) order forms which is not the approved form issued by Services Australia.

Prescriber bag arrangements are established under the *National Health Act 1953*. These requirements are important safeguards that help ensure prescriber bag medicines are obtained and supplied lawfully and used for their intended purpose of supporting timely patient care.

**Do**

Use the approved order form

Use the prescriber bag supplies order book issued by Services Australia (PB052). Replacement order books can be ordered through the Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) portal.

Complete orders in accordance with legislative requirements

When ordering prescriber bag supplies:

- Securely store prescriber bag order forms
- Only order medicines listed in Schedule 1 of the *National Health (Prescriber Bag Supplies) Determination 2024*
- Order only up to the maximum quantity permitted
- Ensure you do not hold more than the allowable quantity on hand
- Submit only one prescriber bag order per calendar month

Use prescriber bag medicines for their intended purpose

Prescriber bag supplies are intended to support the immediate treatment needs of patients, particularly in urgent and after-hours settings.

**Don't**

- Don't use an unauthorised order form
- Don't leave order forms at a pharmacy
- Don't exceed quantity limits
- Don't place more than one order per calendar month

More information

For enquiries about prescriber bags, eligibility, or replacement order forms, please contact Services Australia via their website [Services Australia – Health professionals contact information](#).

If you have concerns involving the use of unauthorised forms and/or the claiming of prescriber bag items under the PBS, you can submit a tip off to the department via:

Email: provider.benefits.integrity@health.gov.au

Phone: 1800 314 808

Online form: [Report suspected fraud](#)