HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis on Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

HIV PrEP on PBS from 1 April 2018

From 1 April 2018 all doctors and nurse practitioners are able to prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) against human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection under Section 85 of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). The prescription will be able to be dispensed from any pharmacy; however some pharmacies may need to order the medication, which may take a few days.

A STREAMLINED authority is required and the clinical and population criteria are:

- The treatment must be for patients at medium to high risk of HIV infection, as defined by the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis: clinical guidelines.
- The patient must have a negative HIV test result prior to treatment with PBS-subsidised PrEP therapy.
- The patient must be 18 years or older.

**Table 1. Extract on PrEP medication from the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits, effective 1 April 2018**

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<tr>
<th>Code and Prescriber</th>
<th>Medicinal Product Pack (Name, form &amp; strength and pack size)</th>
<th>Maximum Quantity of Packs</th>
<th>Maximum Quantity of Units</th>
<th>Number of repeats</th>
<th>DPMQ</th>
<th>Maximum Safety Net</th>
<th>General Patient Price</th>
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<td>Tenofovir + Emtricitabine</td>
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**Resources to support prescribing of PrEP**

Queensland Health provides funding to ASHM to support workforce development, including PrEP and HIV testing clinical training for general practitioners and practice nurses.

- ASHM also offers an on-line learning module, PrEP in practice: Guidance for GPs (Australia), which can be accessed via the ASHM Learning Management System which is available at: [https://lms.ashm.org.au/](https://lms.ashm.org.au/)