

Growth hormone paediatric – somatrogen – initial grandfather authority application

Online services



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 grandfather** PBS-subsidised somatrogen under the section 100 Growth Hormone Program for paediatric patients who have received non-PBS-subsidised treatment with somatrogen for one of the following conditions:

- short stature and slow growth (SSSG)
- short stature associated with biochemical growth hormone deficiency (BGHD).

Important information

Initial grandfather 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 grandfather** authority applications.

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

Continuing and recommencing treatment

This form is **ONLY** for initial grandfather treatment. Subsidy through this treatment phase must occur once per lifetime.

Applications for:

- continuing treatment
- continuing as a reclassified patient treatment
- change or recommencement treatment, and
- recommencement as a reclassified patient treatment

can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system, or in writing and submitted to Services Australia for those patients who meet the criteria.

Treatment specifics

An older child is defined as:

- a male with a chronological age of **at least 12 years** or a bone age of **at least 10 years, or**
- a female with a chronological age of **at least 10 years** or a bone age of **at least 8 years.**

A younger child is defined as:

- a male with a chronological age of **less than 12 years** or a bone age of **less than 10 years, or**
- a female with a chronological age of **less than 10 years** or a bone age of **less than 8 years.**

Current data or the most recent data must not be more than **3 months** old at the time of application.

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 Mr Miss Other

Family name

First given name

3 Date of birth (DD MM YYYY)

4 Biological sex

Male

Female

Prescriber's details

5 Prescriber number

6 Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

7 Business phone number (including area code)

Alternative phone number (including area code)

Dosage details

8 Combination of somatrogen pens requested

of 60mg/1.2mL pen +

of 24mg/1.2mL pen

Dose

mg/kg/week

Conditions and criteria

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

9 The patient:

has received non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen to treat short stature and slow growth (SSSG) or short stature associated with biochemical growth hormone deficiency (BGHD)

Provide date non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen treatment commenced (DD MM YYYY)

and

is being treated by a medical practitioner in consultation with a nominated specialist or consultant physician in paediatric endocrinology, or by a medical practitioner in consultation with a nominated specialist or consultant physician in general paediatrics

and

does not have a condition with a known risk of malignancy including chromosomal abnormalities such as Down and Bloom syndromes

and

does not have an active tumour or evidence of tumour growth or activity

and

is undergoing treatment for the stated indication with only one growth hormone at any given time.



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10 The patient has demonstrated an:

adequate response to non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen treatment

or

inadequate response to non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen treatment due to at least one of the following:

- a significant medical illness
- major surgery (for example, renal transplant)
- an adverse reaction to growth hormone
- non-compliance due to social/family problems
- a lower than recommended dose (as specified by somatrogen's approved Product Information)

11 The application is for the treatment of:

short stature and slow growth (SSSG)

and

the patient had a height no higher than the 1st percentile for age and sex when non-PBS-subsidised treatment first commenced

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or

short stature associated with biochemical growth hormone deficiency (BGHD)

and

the patient has evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency (attached with this authority application)

and

the patient's biochemical growth deficiency is not secondary to an intracranial lesion or cranial irradiation

and

immediately prior to commencing non-PBS-subsidised treatment the patient had a height:

at or below the 1st percentile for age and sex

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above the 1st and at or below the 25th percentile for age and sex

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12 Complete the following table(s):

Table 1 – for BGHD patients with a height at or below the 1st percentile immediately prior to commencement (PTC) of non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen treatment

	Date (DD MM YYYY)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
Data immediately PTC			
Data for the most recent 6 month course of treatment			
Recent data (within 3 months)			
6 month data			

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Table 2 – for BGHD patients with a height above the 1st and at or below the 25th percentile immediately prior to commencement (PTC) of non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen treatment AND all SSSG patients

	Date (DD MM YYYY)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
All patients – data immediately PTC			
Older child only – 6 month data PTC			
Younger child only – 12 month data PTC			
All patients – Data for the most recent 6 month course of treatment			
Recent data (within 3 months)			
6 month data			

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13 Provide the following:

A bone age result performed **within the 12 months immediately prior to commencement** of non-PBS-subsidised somatrogen treatment, if the patient's chronological age was > 2.5 years.

years months

Date (DD MM YYYY)


14 Provide the following:

A bone age result performed **within the last 12 months**, if the patient's chronological age is > 2.5 years.

years months

Date (DD MM YYYY)

Checklist

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

- The completed authority prescription form(s).
- Evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency (including the type of tests performed and peak growth hormone concentrations) if applicable.

Privacy notice

16 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/privacy

Prescriber's declaration

17 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)

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 servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos **or**
- by post, send this form, the authority prescription form(s) and any relevant attachments to:
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