

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

When to use this form

Use this form to apply for **initial grandfather** 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.

Complement 5 (C5) inhibitors are defined as eculizumab or ravulizumab.

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

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.

Section 100 arrangements for eculizumab and ravulizumab

These items are available to a patient who is attending:

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

and is a:

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

These items are not available as a PBS benefit for in-patients of a public hospital.

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

For more information

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals

15 Has the patient demonstrated clinical improvement or stabilisation of the condition (as evidenced on the patient's record if not transitioning from the LSDP)?

No

Yes

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)				
Upper limit of normal (ULN) for LDH quoted by reporting laboratory				
LDH : ULN ratio (in figures, rounded to one decimal place & must be at least 1.5)				

Checklist

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

Details of the proposed prescription(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 servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacypolicy

Prescriber's declaration

You do not need to **sign** the declaration if you complete this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader and return this form through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos

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 details of the proposed prescription(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.

I have read, understood and agree to the above.

Date (DD MM YYYY) (you **must** date this declaration)

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Prescriber's signature (**only** required if returning by post)



Returning this form

Return this form, details of the proposed prescription(s) and any relevant attachments:

- **online** (no signature required), upload through HPOS at servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos
or
- by post (signature required) to
Services Australia
Complex Drugs Programs
Reply Paid 9826
HOBART TAS 7001