

Summary of antibiotic PBS listing changes and new additions 1 April 2020^{1,2}

Antibiotic Dosage form and strength Item number	Maximum quantity and repeats		Restriction level		Indication and clinical criteria for new items
	Before 1 April 2020	From 1 April 2020	Before 1 April 2020	From 1 April 2020	
Amoxicillin (changed item) 250 mg capsule 1884E	20 capsules with 1 repeat	20 capsules with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.
Amoxicillin (changed item) 500 mg capsule 1889K	20 capsules with 1 repeat	20 capsules with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.
Amoxicillin (new item) 500 mg capsule 11947T	N/A	40 capsules with no repeats	N/A	Authority required (Streamlined)	Patient must be a male with acute cystitis or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have pyelonephritis or • tooth avulsion or • salmonella enteritis or • a condition requiring prolonged oral antibiotic therapy following initial intravenous antibiotic therapy.
Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid (changed item) 500 mg amoxicillin + 125 mg clavulanic acid tablet 1891M	10 tablets with 1 repeat	10 tablets with no repeats	Restricted benefit	Restricted benefit	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.
Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid (changed item) 875 mg amoxicillin + 125 mg clavulanic acid tablet 8254K	10 tablets with 1 repeat	10 tablets with no repeats	Restricted benefit	Restricted benefit	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.

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Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid (new item) 500 mg amoxicillin + 125 mg clavulanic acid tablet 11941L	N/A	20 tablets with no repeats	N/A	Authority required (Streamlined)	Patient must be a male with acute cystitis.
Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid (new item) 875 mg amoxicillin + 125 mg clavulanic acid tablet 11933C	N/A	20 tablets with no repeats	N/A	Authority required (Streamlined)	Patient must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • periorbital (pre-septal) cellulitis, or • postpartum endometritis, or • an exacerbation of bronchiectasis, or • pyelonephritis, or • pneumonia acquired in hospital or aged care, or • a diabetic foot infection, or • a condition requiring prolonged oral antibiotic therapy following initial intravenous antibiotic therapy.
Cefalexin (changed item) 250 mg capsule 3058Y	20 capsules with 1 repeat	20 capsules with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.
Cefalexin (changed item) 500 mg capsule 3119E	20 capsules with 1 repeat	20 capsules with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.

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Cefalexin (new item) 250 mg capsule 11963P	N/A	40 capsules with no repeats	N/A	Authority required (Streamlined)	Patient must have impaired renal function AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a pin-site infection, or • have an infection following cardiac device insertion, or • acute otitis externa, or • streptococcal pharyngitis or tonsillitis, or • mastitis, or • periorbital (pre-septal) cellulitis, or • have acute rheumatic fever, or • a diabetic foot infection, or • a widespread infection of dermatitis, or • require treatment for prophylaxis for invasive group A streptococcal (iGAS) infection, or • impetigo; or • pyelonephritis. Patient must have a condition requiring prolonged oral antibiotic therapy following initial intravenous antibiotic therapy. Midwives may prescribe under this item for the treatment of mastitis only, where the patient has impaired renal function.

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Cefalexin (new item) 500 mg capsule 11934D	N/A	40 capsules with no repeats	N/A	Authority required (Streamlined)	Patient must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a pin-site infection, or • have an infection following cardiac device insertion, or • acute otitis externa, or • streptococcal pharyngitis or tonsillitis, or • mastitis, or • periorbital (pre-septal) cellulitis, or • have acute rheumatic fever, or • a diabetic foot infection, or • a widespread infection of dermatitis, or • require treatment for prophylaxis for invasive group A streptococcal (iGAS) infection, or • impetigo; or • pyelonephritis.
Roxithromycin (changed item) 50 mg dispersible tablet 8129W	10 tablets with 1 repeat	10 tablets with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.
Roxithromycin (changed item) 150 mg tablet 1760P	10 tablets with 1 repeat	10 tablets with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.
Roxithromycin (changed item) 300 mg tablet 8016X	5 tablets with 1 repeat	5 tablets with no repeats	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	No changes from previously. See the PBS website for complete details.

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