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Department of Health and Ageing

*Schedule of
Pharmaceutical
Benefits*

**for Approved Pharmacists
and Medical Practitioners**

Effective from 1 May 2004



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**SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL
BENEFITS FOR APPROVED
PHARMACISTS AND MEDICAL
PRACTITIONERS**

**OPERATIVE FROM 1 MAY 2004
(ALL PREVIOUS EDITIONS CANCELLED)**

PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

This Schedule will take effect on 1 May 2004 and all previous issues are cancelled. Remaining Schedules in 2004 will take effect on 1 August and 1 December. Thereafter the Schedule will take effect on 1 April, 1 August and 1 December each year.

Change of Address

Notification of change of address should be directed to the Pharmaceutical Branch, Health Insurance Commission, GPO Box 9826, in your Capital City, or telephone 132 290.

Internet

The Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits is also available on the Department of Health and Ageing's internet site at www.health.gov.au.

The address of the Schedule is <http://www1.health.gov.au/pbs/index.htm>.

Fees, Patient Contributions and Safety Net Thresholds

The following fees, patient contributions and safety net thresholds apply as at 1 May 2004 and are included, where applicable, in prices published in the Schedule—


Dispensing Fees:	Ready-prepared	\$4.66
	Dangerous drug fee	\$2.61
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$6.63
Additional Fees (for safety net prices):	Ready-prepared	\$0.93
	Extemporaneously-prepared	\$1.32
Patient Co-payments:	General	\$23.70
	Concessional	\$3.80
Safety Net Thresholds:	General	\$726.80
	Concessional	\$197.60
Safety Net Card Issue Fee:		\$7.05

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

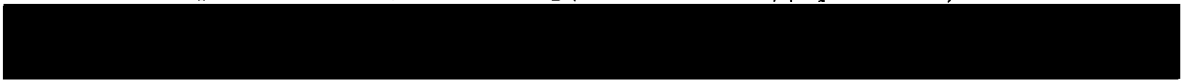
ADDITIONS

Additions — Items

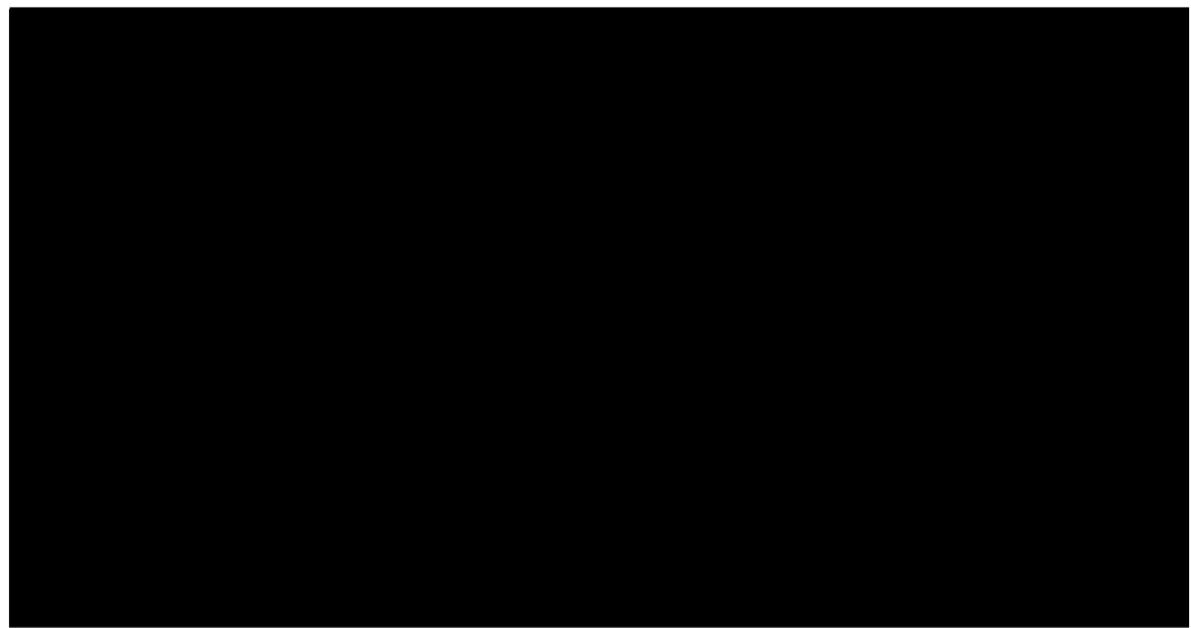




8732N **Metoprolol Succinate**, tablet 23.75 mg (controlled release) (*Toprol-XL 23.75*)
8733P **Metoprolol Succinate**, tablet 47.5 mg (controlled release) (*Toprol-XL 47.5*)
8734Q **Metoprolol Succinate**, tablet 95 mg (controlled release) (*Toprol-XL 95*)
8735R **Metoprolol Succinate**, tablet 190 mg (controlled release) (*Toprol-XL 190*)



Additions — Brands



CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM —cont.

Code	Name, Restriction, Manner of administration and form	Max. Qty	No. of Rpts	Premium	Dispensed Price for Max. Qty \$	Maximum Recordable Value for Safety Net \$	Proprietary Name and Manufacturer	
METOPROLOL SUCCINATE								
<u>Authority required</u>								
<i>Moderate to severe heart failure in patients stabilised on conventional therapy which must include an ACE-inhibitor if tolerated.</i>								
8732N	Tablet 23.75 mg (controlled release)	15	22.90	23.70	Toprol-XL 23.75	AP
8733P	Tablet 47.5 mg (controlled release)	30	5	..	69.31	23.70	Toprol-XL 47.5	AP
8734Q	Tablet 95 mg (controlled release)	30	5	..	85.47	23.70	Toprol-XL 95	AP
8735R	Tablet 190 mg (controlled release)	30	5	..	105.78	23.70	Toprol-XL 190	AP

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