Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme Variables

These are the variables from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that have been linked to the ALSWH surveys. Those variables with a limited number of categories have their categories shown.   ALSWH has linked data from all of the cohorts.

The 1921-26, 1946-51, and 1973-73 cohorts are have linked data from July 2002 to Dec 2015
The 1989-95 cohort has linked data from 2002 to 2013

Note that the 1989-95 cohort data was linked separately from the other three cohorts and some of its variables were created differently. For example, the Patient Category has different formats, and the scrambled provider numbers are distinct scramblings.

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ATC5 code   ATC5 code

Benefit paid   BENEFIT_AMT

Card Type   CARD_TYPE

CN   Pharmaceutical Benefits Concessional Safety Net Card
HB   Health Benefit Card (DSS Issued Only)
HC   Health Care Card (HCC - DSS Issued Only)
MC   Medicare
OC   Ostomy Treatment Card (Colostomy/Ileostomy Entitlement)
PC   Pharmacy Card(PCC - DVA issued Only)
PT   Pensioner Trealment Entitlement Card (PTEC - DVA Issued Only)
SB   DSS Issurd Pensioner Health Benefits Card(PHB)
SH   Senior Health Card(SHC - DVA Issued only)
SN   Pharmaceutical Benefit Safety Net Entitlement Card
SP   Service Pension Benefit Card(SPBS - DVA Issued Only)
ST   Specific Treatment Entitlement Card (STE- DVA Issued only)
SC   DSS Issued Pharmaceutical Benefits Concession Card (PBC)
VB   DVA Issued Pensioner Health Benefits Card (PHB)
VC   DVA Issued Pharmaceutical Benefits Concession Card (PBC)
DT   Dependant Treatment Entitlement Card (DTEC-DVA Issued only)
            UNKNOWN

Drug Name   DRUG_NAME

Encrypted prescriber number (ALSWH)   ENC_PRESC_IDwha

Type of PBS form script   FORM_TYPE_CODE

AR   AUTH REP (Authority Repeat)
AU   AUTH ORIG (Authority Original)
DB   DRS BAG (Doctor's Bag)
DE   DENTAL
DS   DEF SUPP (Deferred Supply)
OR   ORIGINAL
OS   OSTOMY

RE   REPEAT
SD   SPEC DBOF (Special Doctor's Bag)
VA   AUTH ORIG (DVA Authority Original)
VR   AUTH REP (DVA Authority Repeat)
         UNKNOWN

Provider Speciality   MAJOR_SPECIALTY

Patient category   PATSTATUS

A   General - Ordinary
B   General - Safety Net
C   General - Free Safety Net
E   Concessional - Ordinary
F   Concessional - Free Safety Net
H   Unknown Free Safety Net
I   Doctors Bag Order Form
J   Other - Ostomy Prep
K   RPBS - Ordinary
L   RPBS - Safety Net
M   Non-PBS - Ostomy Appl
Z   Total
?   UNKNOWN

Patient Contribution   PAT_CNTRB_AMT

Number previously supplied   PREV_SUPP_NUM

Quantity   QTY

Number of repeats   RPT_ORDER_NUM

SCRIPTS   Scripts

Total Cost   TOTAL_COST

PBS Item number   item_code

Date the original script was prescribed   prescdate

Date the script was filled at the pharmacy   suppdate

Supply Date Year   yearSdate
Supply Date Year and Month   yearmmSdate
Cohort   ALSWH cohort
Idalias   Unique Identifier
Seq   Sequence of data