# PBS Changes Explainer

This table outlines the PBS co-payment and Safety Net threshold changes. It can be used by pharmacists as an aid to provide general advice to patients.

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|  | **Before 1 July 2022**  Maximum cost per prescription | **From 1 July 2022**  *PBS Safety Net thresholds were lowered for concessional patients, to equivalent of 12 fully priced scripts.*  Maximum cost per prescription | **From 1 January 2023**  *The cost of general prescriptions  under the PBS falls for first time in  75-year history.*  Maximum cost per prescription | **From 1 January 2024**  *Co-payment and Safety Net threshold amounts increase in line with Consumer Price Index.*  Maximum cost per prescription |
| **General patients** | $42.50  *PBS Safety Net threshold for general patients is* ***$1,542.10****.* | $42.50  *PBS Safety Net threshold lowered  for general patients to* ***$1,457.10*** *–  $85 reduction or equivalent to approximately two fully priced scripts.* | $30.00  *PBS Safety Net threshold increased  to* ***$1,563.50*** *in line with Consumer  Price Index.* | $31.60  *PBS Safety Net threshold increased*  *to* ***$1,647.90*** *in line with Consumer*  *Price Index.* |
| **Concessional patients** | $6.80  *PBS Safety Net threshold for concessional patients is* ***$326.40****.* | $6.80  *PBS Safety Net threshold lowered for concessional patients to* ***$244.80*** *– $81.60 reduction or equivalent to  12 fully priced scripts.* | $7.30  *PBS Safety Net threshold increased  to* ***$262.80*** *in line with Consumer Price Index.* | $7.70  *PBS Safety Net threshold increased  to* ***$277.20*** *in line with Consumer Price Index.* |
| **Closing the Gap program (general patients)** | $6.80  (general patients) | $6.80  (general patients) | $7.30  *General Closing the Gap program patients will pay the concessional rate of $7.30 per script. Their scripts will continue to count toward the general PBS Safety Net at the pre‑1 January 2023 amount of $42.50, rather than at the reduced amount of $30.00.* | $7.70  *General Closing the Gap program patients pay the concessional rate of $7.70 per script. Their scripts will continue to count toward the general PBS Safety Net at the amount of $42.50.* |
| **Closing the Gap program (concessional patients)** | $0  (concessional patients) | $0  (concessional patients) | $0  (concessional patients) | $0  (concessional patients) |