

## AVAILABILITY OF IVERMECTIN

In Australia, Ivermectin is on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme PBS for all Australian residents and can be obtained by remote area Aboriginal Health Services free of charge under Section 100 of the National Health Act 1953 from an approved pharmacy.

The link to the Eligibility Criteria for s 100 is at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pbs-indigenous-eligibility>

The following link is to a pdf file of *PBS Remote News*. This publication includes a pro forma for ordering medicines under s100.

[http://www.aodgp.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pbs-indigenous-remoteneews/\\$FILE/remoteneews.pdf](http://www.aodgp.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pbs-indigenous-remoteneews/$FILE/remoteneews.pdf)

In 1997 special arrangements were approved under section 100 of the National Health Act 1953 for the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines to eligible remote area Aboriginal Health Services.

Under these arrangements, clients of approved remote area Aboriginal Health Services are able to receive medicines directly from the Aboriginal Health Service at the point of consultation, without the need for a normal prescription form, and without charge.

Participating Aboriginal Health Services order required PBS pharmaceuticals from pharmacies, which transmit claims to the Health Insurance Commission for reimbursement. There is no need for Aboriginal Health Services to make payments to pharmacies for medicines obtained under these arrangements.