

# PBS Developers' Forum

20th March 2015

# Agenda

- ✦ Welcome/Introduction
- ✦ Action Items
- ✦ PBS XML Schema v2.10
- ✦ Community Access
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# Action Items

- ✦ Start dates
  - ✦ Test data was made available ?
  - ✦ Now in production
- ✦ PBS XML Schema v2.10
  - ✦ See agenda item 3
- ✦ Retain deleted restriction codes in PBS XML

# Action Items

- ✦ Example of quantities
- ✦ Maintain restriction code history in PBS XML
  - ✦ Being considered for PBS XML v3.0

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# PBS XML Schema 2.10

- ✦ Draft available 2014-08-20
- ✦ Production 2015-01-15
- ✦ Patch release (1) 2015-02-03
- ✦ Patch release (2) 2015-02-04
- ✦ 1 March 2015 PBS Schedule conformant

# PBS XML Schema 2.10

- ✦ Hospital Medication Charts
- ✦ Included in 1 March 2015 PBS Schedule
- ✦ Trial commences 1 April 2015
- ✦ Change:  
Written authorities will be included  
April 2015 Schedule



# PBS XML Schema 2.10

- ✦ Complex Authority Required
- ✦ Data will be populated for 1 July 2015 Schedule

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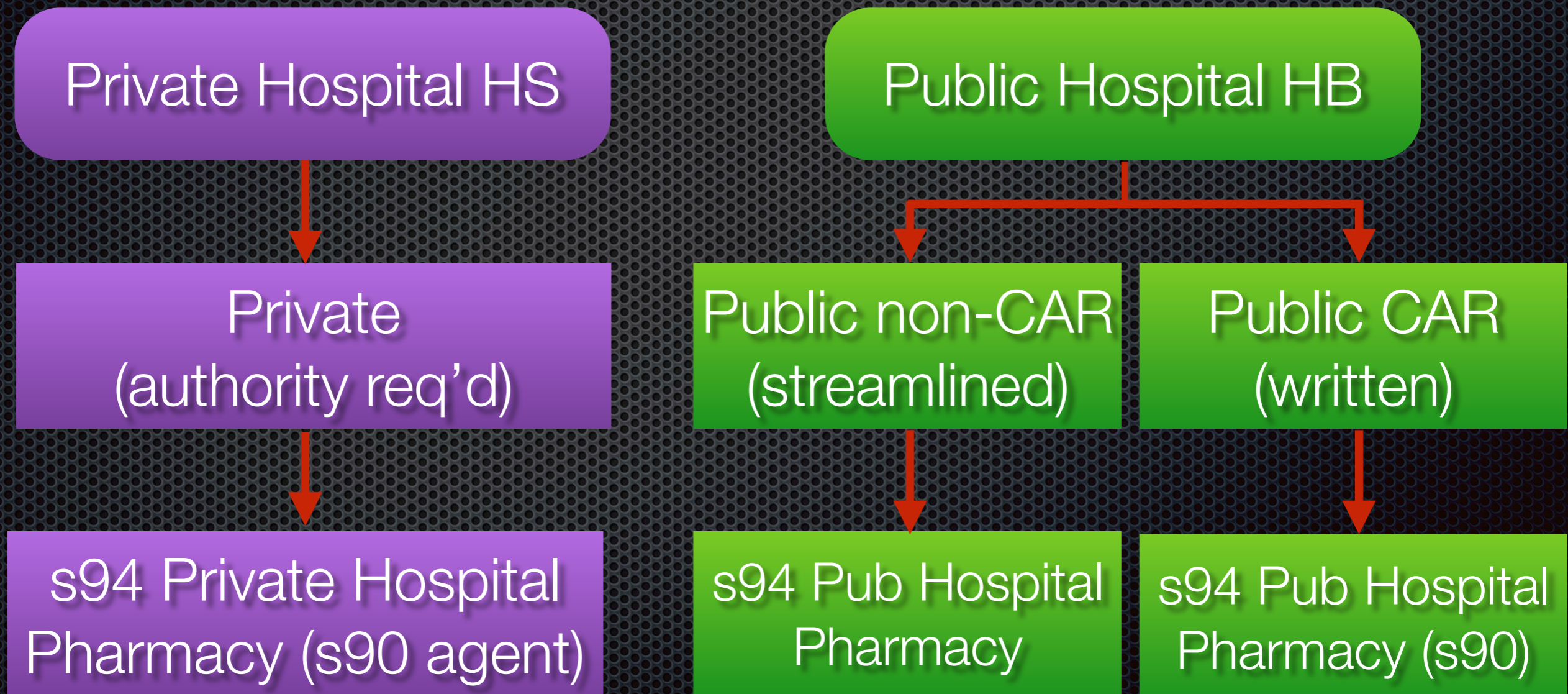
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# Community Access

- New 'CA' program
  - s90-cp, s94-public, s94-private dispensing rules
- Starts 1 July 2015 Schedule

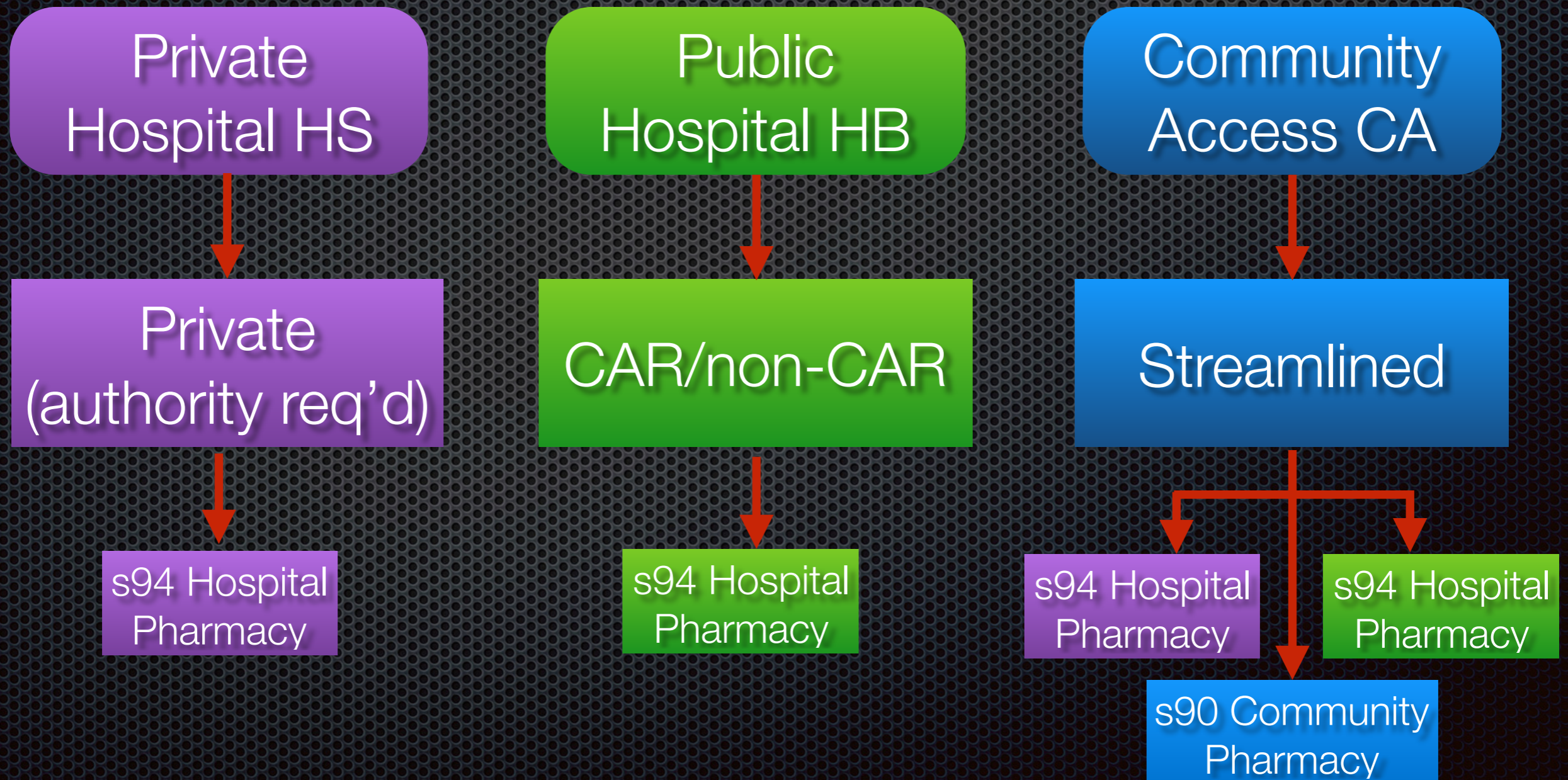
# Community Access

- Current arrangements



# Community Access

- New arrangements (non-harmonised)



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# HSD Programmes

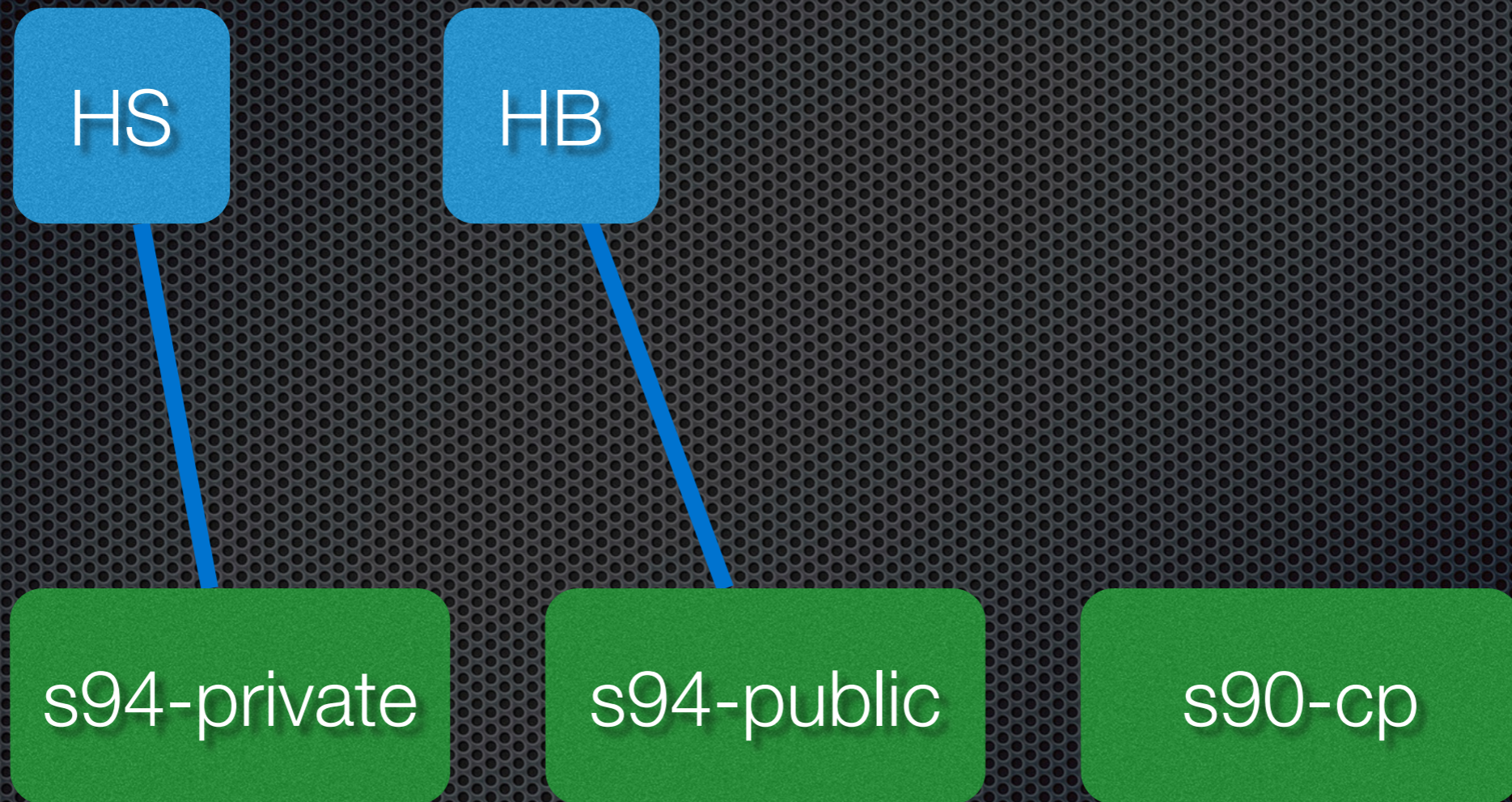
- ✦ Post-Market Authority Review
- ✦ Commenced mid-2014
- ✦ Tranches:
  - ✦ Change restriction levels to streamlined
  - ✦ S100 Harmonisation
  - ✦ Initial/continuing authorities

# HSD Programmes

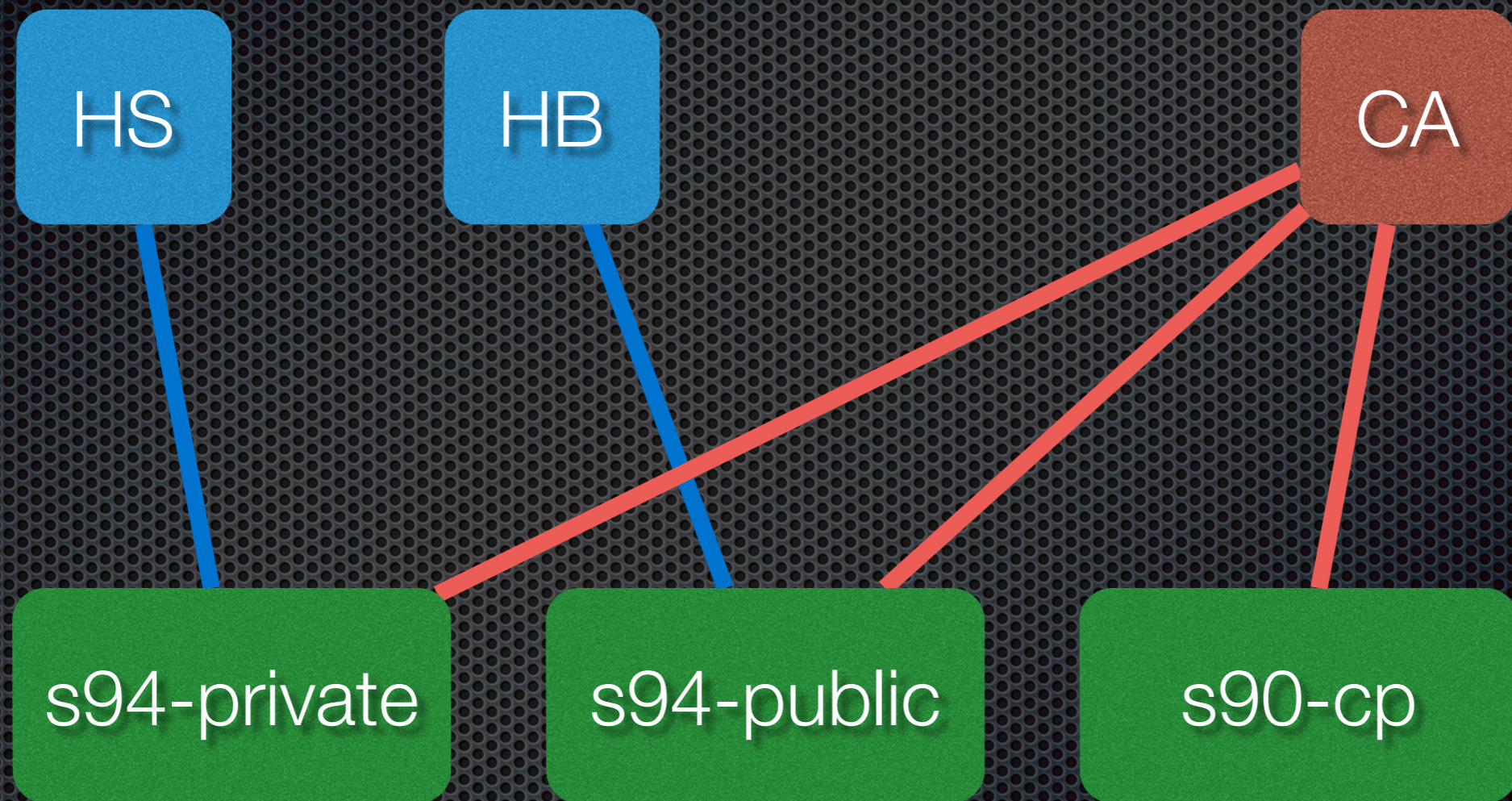
- ✦ PBAC Recommendation: S100 Harmonisation
- ✦ Existing 'HB', 'HS' programs deprecated
- ✦ New 'HP' program
  - ✦ s94-public, s94-private dispensing rules
- ✦ Starts 1 August 2015 (?)



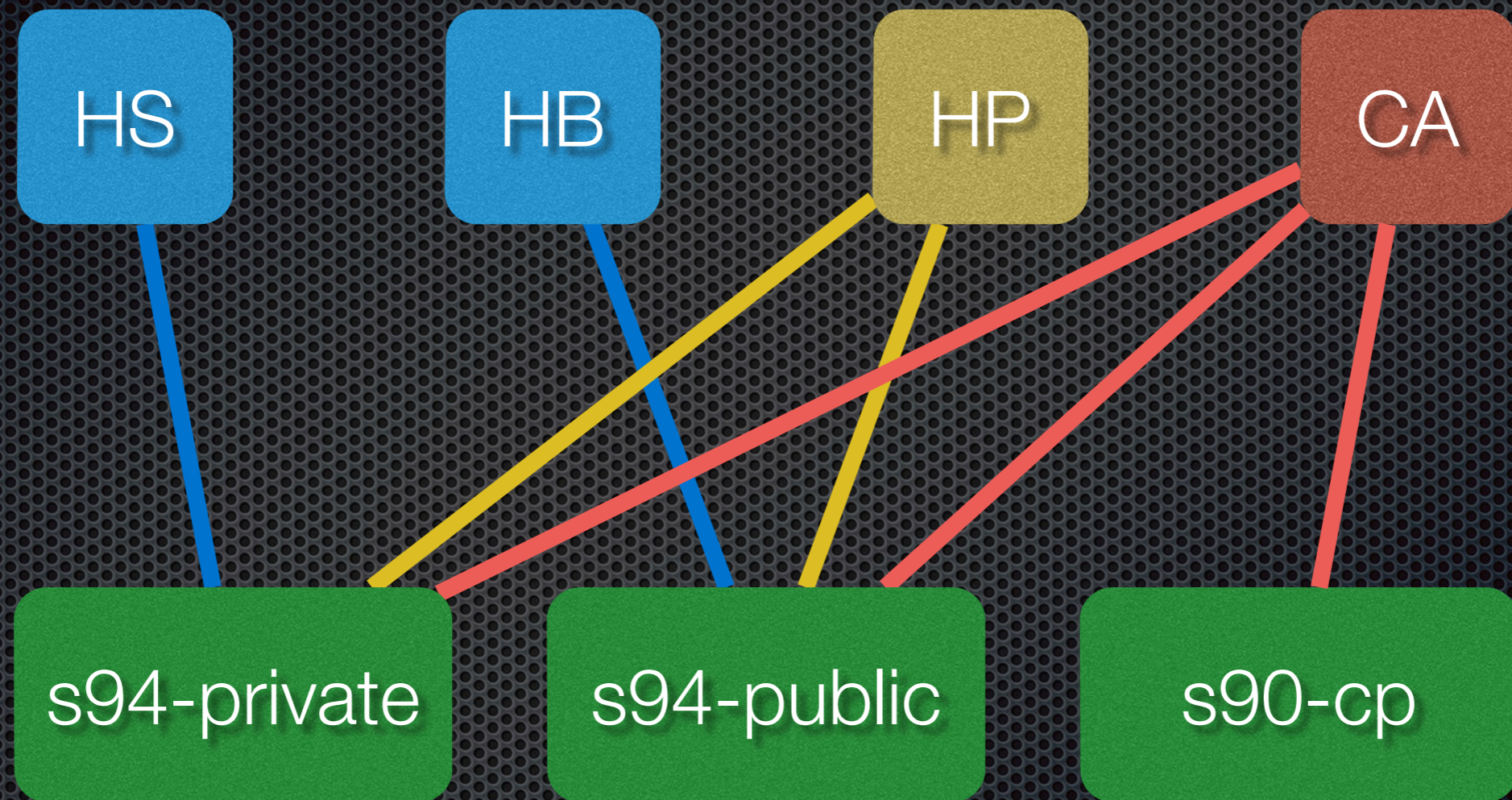
# HSD Programmes



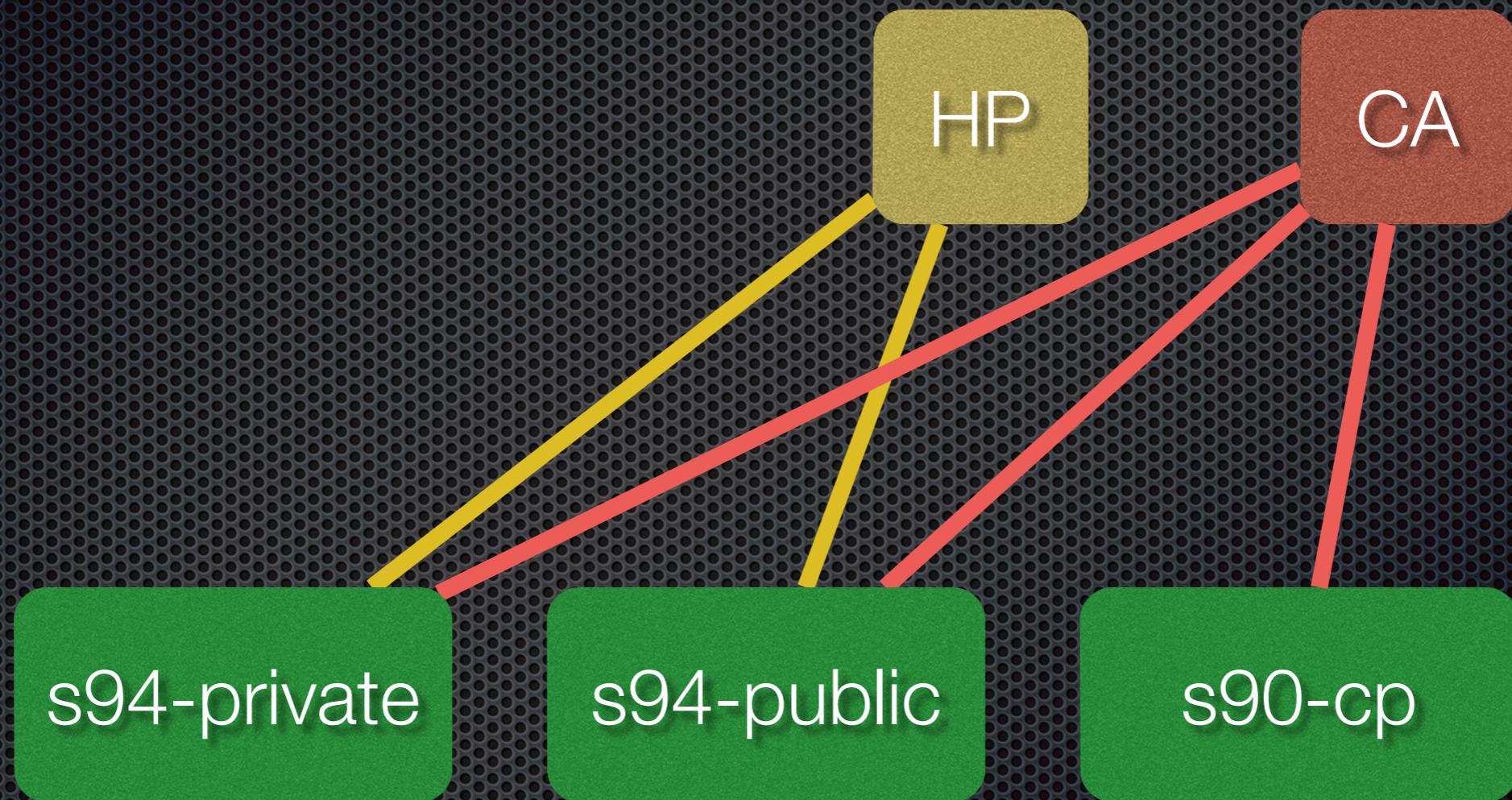
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# HSD Programmes

- ✦ S100 Harmonisation
- ✦ Transition
- ✦ HB/HS will continue for 12 months
- ✦ From 13-18 months HB/HS scripts may be claimed but no new scripts written
- ✦ At 18 months HB/HS delisted

# HSD Programmes

- ✦ PBAC Recommendation: Initial/Continuing authorities
- ✦ Normal process to obtain authority for initial treatment
  - ✦ Telephone/electronic or in writing
- ✦ No need to contact DHS for authority for continuing treatment

# HSD Programmes

- ✦ Need to review
  - ✦ Different for various medicines
  - ✦ Up to 2 years?
- ✦ Expiry time on continuing authority

# HSD Programmes

- ✦ Simple alternative:
  - ✦ Initial treatment authority required
  - ✦ Continuing treatment streamlined authority
- ✦ Analysis required



# HSD Programmes

- ✦ Initial/continuing treatment
- ✦ Feedback & suggestions welcome

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# PBS Enhancements

- ✦ Authorities automation
- ✦ DHS

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# AMT v3

- PBS XML Schema v2.10 includes dct:references element (child of pbs:root/pbs:info)

```
<dct:references>http://snomed.info/sct/  
900062011000036108/version/20140630  
</dct:references>
```

- Will be populated with v3

# AMT v3

- ✦ PharmCIS implementation underway
- ✦ Phase 1
- ✦ Planned for June (August 2015 Schedule)

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# PBS XML v3.0

- ✦ Major release required
- ✦ Non-backward compatible changes
- ✦ Forced by:
  - ✦ AMT v3
  - ✦ Restrictions/authorities
- ✦ Workshop requirements



# PBS XML v3.0

- ✦ Opportunity
- ✦ Feedback from vendors, stakeholders
- ✦ Production release: April 2016

# PBS XML v3.0

- ✦ Drug modelling ✓
- ✦ Refactoring & clean-up
- ✦ Restrictions & authorities
- ✦ Versioning & validation
- ✦ Data delivery ✓
- ✦ Ontology
- ✦ Temporal data

# Drug Modelling

- See August 2014 minutes

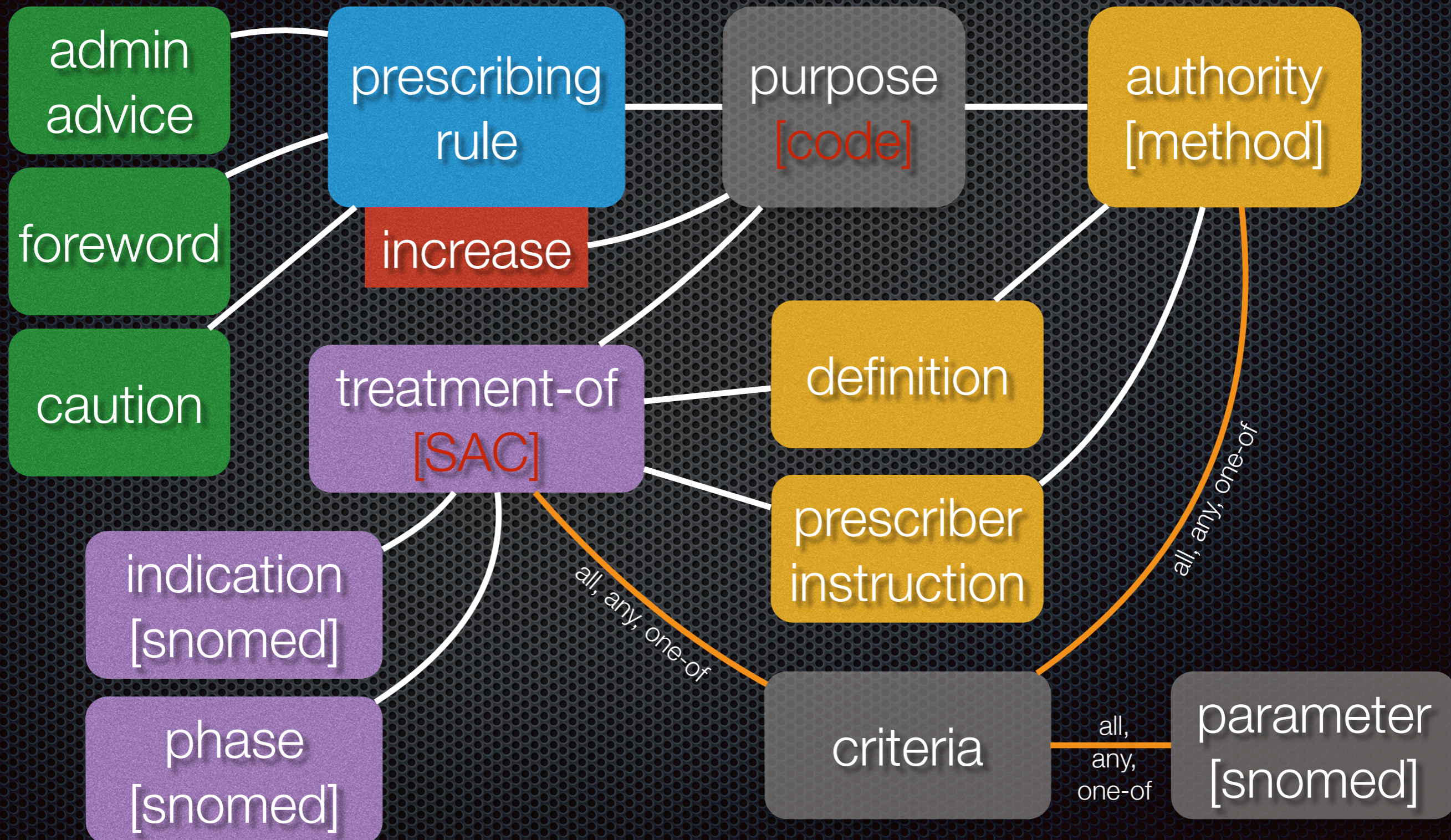
# Restrictions & Authorities

- ✦ Two problems:
  - ✦ Duplicate restriction codes
  - ✦ Unstable streamlined codes
- ✦ Post-market Authority Review
- ✦ DHS requirements

# Restrictions & Authorities

- ✦ Separate legal from informational
- ✦ Separate indication from authority requirements
- ✦ Simplify prescribing rule and increase data
- ✦ Align terminology with legislation & PharmCIS

# Restrictions & Authorities



# Restrictions & Authorities

- ✦ Terminology
  - ✦ rwt:restrictions-list  $\Rightarrow$  prescribing-texts-list
  - ✦ rwt:restriction  $\Rightarrow$  purpose
  - ✦ rwt:circumstance  $\Rightarrow$  authority/treatment-phase
  - ✦ requirement  $\Rightarrow$  criteria

# Restrictions & Authorities

- ✦ Code management
- ✦ 'purpose code' codifies all legal text
- ✦ 'treatment code' codifies only indication
  - ✦ More stable
  - ✦ Streamlined Authority Code
  - ✦ Alphanumeric?



# Authorities

- ✦ Currently under review
- ✦ Authority methods
- ✦ Align purposes
- ✦ Separate channel from assessment?
- ✦ Change language?
  - ✦ self-assessed, simple assessment, complex assessment

# Restrictions & Authorities

- ✦ Break down text into components
- ✦ i.e. manage as an ontology
- ✦ Primitives mapped to (subset of) SNOMED-CT
- ✦ Include SNOMED-CT code

# Restrictions & Authorities

- Components are 'yes'/'no' questions
- For Lis: statements
- Example:

```
<sex>  
  <code>http://snomed.info/248152002</code>  
  <value>female</value>  
</sex>
```

Is the patient female?

The patient must be female.

# Restrictions & Authorities

- Some primitives may require arithmetic comparisons
- Example:

```
<condition-parameter>  
  <code>http://snomed.info/312681000</code>  
  <value>bone density scan</value>  
  <greater-than>10</greater-than>  
</condition-parameter>
```

Is the result of a bone density scan greater than 10?

The result of a bone density scan must be greater than 10.

# Restrictions & Authorities

- ✦ Combine primitive concepts into higher level constructs
- ✦ v2: conjunctive and disjunctive elements
- ✦ v3: allow different logic at all levels
  - ✦ all, any, one-of
  - ✦ criteria, parameters

# Versioning & Validation

- ✦ Backward compatibility
  - ✦ vN document works with vN+1 processor
- ✦ Forward compatibility
  - ✦ vN+1 document works with vN processor
- ✦ How to allow extensions without breaking consumers?

# Versioning & Validation

- ✦ Forward compatibility mechanism
- ✦ Isolate extensions using XML Namespace
  - ✦ <http://extension.schema.pbs.gov.au/>
  - ✦ ext: prefix
- ✦ Always extend using a new element
- ✦ All complex & mixed models allow any extension element

# Versioning & Validation

- ✦ Processing model:
  - ✦ Ignore unknown elements
- ✦ Introduced in v2.10



# Versioning & Validation

- ✦ + Old processors can validate new documents
- ✦ - No control over extension elements
  - Cannot change existing elements
  - Cannot change existing attributes

# Versioning & Validation

## • Example

```
<pbs:prescribing-rule type="authority-required">  
  <pbs:code>12345R</pbs:code>  
  <ext:authority-access>electronic</ext:authority-access>  
  <pbs:ready-prepared>  
    ...  
  </pbs:ready-prepared>  
  ...  
</pbs:prescribing-rule>
```

# Versioning & Validation

- ✦ Reset schema on major upgrade
- ✦ Fold extension elements into main namespace
- ✦ Design next major upgrade simultaneously
- ✦ Regular major upgrades
  - ✦ every 3-4 years? after 4 minor versions?
- ✦ Schema Versioning Policy

# Ontology

- ✦ Feedback
  - ✦ Hyperlinks with non-meaningful target
- ✦ Must lookup target to understand link

```
<pbs:member-of xlink:href="#a174971477"/>
```

# Ontology

- ✦ Ontology = Terminology + meaning
- ✦ AMT, ATC
- ✦ PBS has many concepts/terms
  - ✦ prescriber type, brand substitution, patient categories, formularies, etc
- ✦ Use DL, Semantic Web techniques
  - ✦ RDF, OWL, SKOS

# Ontology

- ✦ Separate monthly data from permanent concepts
- ✦ Monthly data: <http://schema.pbs.gov.au/>
- ✦ PBS concepts: <http://pbs.gov.au/>
- ✦ Provide copy of PBS concepts in monthly PBS XML
- ✦ Provide PBS ontology separately?

# Ontology

- ✦ Identify concepts
- ✦ URI
- ✦ Replace controlled vocabularies
- ✦ Make (parts of) URI meaningful
  - ✦ Enumerate concept subtyping
- ✦ <http://pbs.gov.au/copayment/general>

# Ontology

- Concept reference to subtype data items
- `<copayment`  
rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/copayment/general"  
>37.70</copayment>
- v2:  
`<pbs:copayment>`  
  `<pbs:type>copay:general</pbs:type>`  
  `<pbs:amount>37.70</pbs:amount>`  
`</pbs:copayment>`



# Ontology

- `<copayment  
rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/copayment/general"  
>37.70</copayment>`
- `<copayment  
rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/copayment/general"  
concept="copayment/general"  
>37.70</copayment>`
- `<copayment  
rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/copayment/general"  
type="copayment" subtype="general"  
>37.70</copayment>`

# Ontology

- Semantic Web section provides detail

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/patient">
  <db:title>Patient Category</db:title>
  <db:para>Categories of patients.</db:para>
</rdf:Description>
<p:patient rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/patient/general">
  <db:title>General Patient</db:title>
  <db:para>General category of patients.</db:para>
</p:patient>
<p:patient
  rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/patient/concessional">
  <db:title>Concessional Patient</db:title>
  <db:para>Those patients with concession card.</db:para>
</p:patient>
```

# Ontology

- Semantic Web section provides detail

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/copayment">
  <db:title>Copayment</db:title>
  <db:para>The amount that the patient contributes towards
the cost of a medicine.</db:para>
</rdf:Description>
<p:copayment rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/copayment/general">
  <db:title>General Patient Charge</db:title>
  <db:para>The amount that a general patient contributes
towards the cost of a medicine.</db:para>
  <p:applies-to
    rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/patient/general"/>
</p:copayment>
```

# Ontology

- ✦ Groups also rely on semantic concepts
- ✦ Reimplement groups using PBS Ontology
- ✦ [discussion coming later]

# Temporal Data

- Current PBS XML: monthly snapshot
- Scripts are valid for 12 months
- Vendor RFE: supply previous 12 month deprecated data
  - Streamlined Authority codes

# Temporal Data

- ✦ Transitional arrangements
- ✦ Allow scripts & repeats to be supplied
- ✦ No new scripts
- ✦ “Inactive” items

# Temporal Data

- ✦ Ideas:
  - ✦ Populate pbs:effectivity/pbs:non-effective
  - ✦ + no change to schema
  - ✦ - makes processing harder  
doesn't help transitional items

# Temporal Data

- ✦ Ideas:
  - ✦ Populate pbs:effectivity/pbs:non-effective  
Add pbs:effectivity/pbs:supply-only
  - ✦ + handles transitional items
  - ✦ - makes processing harder

```
<prescribing-rule>  
  <effectivity>  
    <start>2000-01-01</start>  
    <supply-only>2015-03-01</supply-only>  
    <non-effective>2016-03-01</non-effective>
```



# Temporal Data

- ✦ Ideas:
  - ✦ Add new elements: pbs:supply-only, pbs:delisted
  - ✦ + handles transitional items  
separate from current items
  - ✦ - other objects? restriction-refs, product listings

```
<prescribing-rule>  
  <ready-prepared>...  
<supply-only>  
  <ready-prepared>...  
<delisted>  
  <ready-prepared>...
```

# Re-factoring

- ✦ Re-structure XML for simplicity
- ✦ Pricing
  - ✦ Rationalise ready-prepared & infusible

# Re-factoring

- ✦ v2 Pricing
- ✦ Ready prepared
- ✦ Normalised for prescribing rule
  - ✦ pbs:reimbursement, pbs:lowest
- ✦ Product listing(s)
  - ✦ pbs:prices

# Re-factoring

- ✦ v2 Pricing
- ✦ Ready prepared
- ✦ Exceptions for variant pricing models
  - ✦ no-premium
  - ✦ no-premium-no-charge

# Re-factoring

- ✦ v2 Pricing
- ✦ Infusible
- ✦ Originally designed for cost-efficient algorithm
  - ✦ pbs:prices, pbs:tpp-list
- ✦ Not useful for final algorithm

# Re-factoring

- ✦ v3 Pricing
- ✦ Focus on product listing
- ✦ Make more explicit
- ✦ Denormalise
- ✦ Works for both ready-prepared and infusible

# Re-factoring: Product Listing

12345R  
mq=2, rpt=5

ready-prepared | infusible

product-listing  
\$pricing  
groups

product-listing  
\$pricing  
groups

product-listing  
\$pricing  
groups

TPP  
\$ex-man

TPP  
\$ex-man

TPP  
\$ex-man

# Re-factoring

## • v3 Pricing

```
<prescribing-rule>  
  <ready-prepared>  
    <product-listing>  
      <tpp-reference xlink:href="#a20047385"/>  
      <code>BQ</code>  
      <reimbursement>  
        <ex-manufacturer>...</ex-manufacturer>  
        ...  
        <dpmq>...</dpmq>  
      </reimbursement>  
    <lowest>  
      <ex-manufacturer>...</ex-manufacturer>  
      ...  
      <dpmq>...</dpmq>  
    </lowest>  
  </product-listing>  
</ready-prepared>  
</prescribing-rule>
```



# Re-factoring

## ✦ v3 Pricing

```
<manufacturer>
  <ex-manufacturer>...</ex-manufacturer>
  ...
  <dpmq>...</dpmq>
</manufacturer>
<maximum-safety-net-value>
  ...
</maximum-safety-net-value>
<member-of-list>
  <member-of ref:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/brand-substitution/8735"/>
</member-of-list>
```

# Re-factoring: Groups

- ✦ Reimplement groups
- ✦ Use Semantic Web, ontology

# Re-factoring: Groups

- ✦ Groups have three components:
  - ✦ Group type
  - ✦ Group type instance
  - ✦ Group members

# Re-factoring: Groups

- Group type definition
- Description, default value, other values

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/pack-breakability">  
  <db:title>Pack Breakability</db:title>  
  <db:para>Whether a pack may be broken</db:para>  
  <p:default rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/pack-breakability/breakable"/>  
  <p:member-type ref:resource="http://schema.pbs.gov.au/ready-prepared"/>  
</rdf:Description>
```

# Re-factoring: Groups

- Group type instance
- Identified by URI

```
<p:pack-breakability rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/pack-breakability/breakable">  
  <db:title>Pack Breakable</db:title>  
  <db:para>The pack may be broken</db:para>  
</p:pack-breakability>
```

```
<p:pack-breakability rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/pack-breakability/not-breakable">  
  <db:title>Pack Not Breakable</db:title>  
  <db:para>The pack must not be broken</db:para>  
</p:pack-breakability>
```

# Re-factoring: Groups

- ✦ Group membership
- ✦ Missing membership uses default

```
<prescribing-rule>  
  <ready-prepared>  
    <member-of-list>  
      <member-of ref:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/pack-breakability/breakable"/>  
    </member-of-list>  
  </ready-prepared>  
</prescribing-rule>
```

# Re-factoring: Groups

- Example: brand substitution

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/brand-substitution">  
  <db:title>Brand Substitution</db:title>  
  <db:para>The circumstances under which a TPP may be substituted</db:para>  
  <p:member-type ref:resource="http://schema.pbs.gov.au/product-listing"/>  
</rdf:Description>
```

```
<p:brand-substitution rdf:about="http://pbs.gov.au/brand-substitution/7625143">  
  <db:title>Brand Substitution Group 7625143</db:title>  
</p:brand-substitution>
```

```
<product-listing>  
  <member-of-list>  
    <member-of rdf:resource="http://pbs.gov.au/brand-substitution/7625143"/>  
  </member-of-list>  
</product-listing>
```

# Clean-up

- ✦ Rationalise XML Namespaces
- ✦ Remove redundant, obsolete elements
- ✦ Consistency



# Clean-up

- ✦ Rationalise XML Namespaces
- ✦ Use default namespace
- ✦ Merge redundant definitions
  - ✦ g2g, rwt
- ✦ Remove extraneous definitions
  - ✦ contrib, admin, dr, container, sn, etc

# Clean-up

- ✦ Remove redundant, obsolete elements
- ✦ See revision history

# Clean-up

- ✦ Consistency
- ✦ Make sure content models are defined consistently
- ✦ Remove attributes: use elements instead
  - ✦ Only `xml:id`, `xlink:href`, `rdf:resource`

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# Remote Area Services

- Reporting requirements for remote areas

# Private Scripts

- Collection of data on private scripts

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