



Stoma Product Assessment Panel

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Proposed Variation on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, Nice Pak, sought a change in the product price of one variant of the current listing of the Sudocrem Healing Cream (SAS Code 3979K) in subgroup 9(f) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, with a single variant, is currently listed at a unit price of \$3.300, with a maximum monthly quantity of one unit.

Variation sought

The applicant requested an increase in the product price, to \$3.600.

Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule on 1 July 2014.

Financial Analysis

Based on current utilisation the change in unit price from \$3.300 to \$3.600 would result in a modest increase to Scheme expenditure.

Panel Recommendation

The Panel rejected the application at the 18 October 2022 meeting. The Panel noted that while this change would, based on current utilisation, result in only a modest increase to the Scheme, the Panel's view is that price changes for individual products should not be considered in isolation. The Panel will consider prices of all products on the Scheme at a later date and will consider pricing of Sudocrem Healing Cream 30g in that context.

Context for Recommendation

The Panel provides advice on whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. Applications are considered in this context. Panel advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final Panel view about the merits of a particular stoma product. A company can resubmit to the Panel following advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing. The Panel is an advisory committee and as such its recommendations are non-binding on Government. All Panel recommendations are subject to Government approval.

Applicant's Comment

The applicant noted the SPAP recommendation.