



# Stoma Product Assessment Panel Public Summary Documents Ainscorp – May 2023

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### Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

In 2019 and 2020, the Stoma Product Assessment Panel (Panel) reviewed support garment products listed in subgroup 9(h) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule for clinical effectiveness. All suppliers of these products were provided the opportunity to provide clinical evidence to support their inclusion on the SAS Schedule. The evidence could include reports, clinical trials and studies regarding the use of support belts, abdominal binders and support garments in stoma management.

Following consideration of the evidence, the Panel recommended that support wear products in subgroup 9(h) should be removed from the SAS Schedule. The Panel also recommended that the maximum annual quantity of support belts in subgroup 9(h) should increase to 4 and that prices should be standardised to the benchmark price of \$45.15. These Panel considerations and recommendations are available publicly.<sup>1</sup>

The Panel recommended deleting 13 support garments SAS codes from subgroup 9(h). The costs of the products to be deleted are all above the benchmark price for products in subgroup 9(h) and provided no additional clinical benefit to products listed at the benchmark price.

### Recommendation

The Panel considered the listing on the SAS Schedule of Ainscorp Salts Support Wear (SAS Code 9856R) in subgroup 9(h) and recommended deleting the entire product range of the current listing. The product, including 30 variants, is currently listed at a unit price of \$60.00 and a maximum annual quantity of 6 units.

Stoma associations, ostomates, stomal therapy nurses and the Australian Council of Stoma Associations will be advised of the deletion with sufficient time to allow users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable stoma associations to manage their stock levels.

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<sup>1</sup> [Stoma Product Assessment Panel public summary documents – October 2019 | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

[Stoma Product Assessment Panel public summary documents – May 2020 – review of support garments | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

[Stoma Product Assessment Panel public summary documents – October 2020 meeting | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)



## Variants to be deleted

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
BOXBLXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXBML	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXBSM	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXBXS	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXBXXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXNLXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXNML	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXNSM	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXNXS	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXNXXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXWLXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXWML	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXWSM	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXWXS	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BOXWXXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFBLXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFBML	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFBSM	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFBXS	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFBXXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFNLXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFNML	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFNMSM	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFNXS	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFNXXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFWLXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFWML	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFWSM	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFWXS	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear
BRFWXXL	Ainscorp Salts Support Wear

## Financial Analysis

It is expected the deletion will have a budgetary impact with an estimated save for the SAS which has been agreed by the Department of Finance. Substitute products are currently listed in subgroup 9(h) of the SAS Schedule.

## Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule on 1 January 2012.

## Context for Recommendation

The Minister for Health and Aged Care has agreed to the recommendation, with changes to take effect from 1 October 2023.



## Supplier Comment

Ainscorp/Salts is in strong disagreement with Stoma Product Assessment Panel's decision to remove Support Wear from the SAS Schedule and the lack of notice for their deletion.

Specifically:

- The evidence provided clearly shows a link between the use of support garments and the increase in awareness of the potential/dangers for ostomates to develop parastomal hernias. Parastomal hernias negatively impact on an ostomate's Quality of Life and add significant burden to both the Stoma Appliance Scheme and Health System in General.
- The timing given 5 months is insufficient warning to prevent substantial costs accrued by Ainscorp/Salts. Current Stock holdings plus long manufacturing and delivery lead times mean that an absolute minimum of 12 months is required to prepare for a product deletion without significant costs accruing to the supplying companies.