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Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, Sutherland Medical, sought the deletion of the entire product range of the current listing of Sutherland Medical Supportx Shield Belt with Easy Peel Fastening (SAS Code 80218B) in subgroup 9(h) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule, as it is unable to provide the product at the benchmark price of \$45.15. The product, including 90 variants, is currently listed at a unit price of \$45.15, with a pack size of one and a maximum annual quantity of 4 units.

Substitute products

No comparator product was nominated by the sponsor; however, there are alternative products listed in subgroup 9(h) on the SAS Schedule for users requiring a support belt.

Variants to be deleted

The sponsor sought deletion of the entire product range, including 90 variants, from the SAS Schedule.

Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule on 22 October 2019. Until 30 September 2023, the product was listed on the SAS Schedule for \$55.00 with a maximum annual quantity of 3 units. From 1 October 2023, the listing was amended based on recommendations by the Stoma Product Assessment Panel (the Panel), with the price changed to the benchmark unit price of \$45.15 and the maximum annual quantity increased to 4 units.

Clinical Place for the Product

Not applicable.

Financial Analysis

Substitute products are currently listed in subgroup 9(h) of the SAS Schedule at the same cost and maximum monthly quantity. It is unlikely that there would be any budgetary impact for the SAS as a consequence of deleting this product.

Panel Recommendation

The Panel noted there are equivalent products remaining on the Schedule and recommended the deletion of the entire product range of Sutherland Medical Supportx Shield Belt with Easy Peel Fastening (SAS Code 80218B) listed in subgroup 9(h) of the SAS Schedule.

Sutherland Medical is to advise stoma associations, ostomates, stomal therapy nurses and the Australian Council of Stoma Associations of the deletion. A period of approximately 6 months from the date of the recommendation (24 October 2023) should be given to allow



users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable stoma associations to manage their stock levels.

[Context for Recommendation](#)

The Panel's discussion of deletion requests includes consideration of whether appropriate alternative products remain available on the SAS Schedule. Suggested alternative products are noted by the Panel but not referenced in the SAS Schedule.

[Applicant's Comment](#)

The applicant noted the recommendation.