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Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, Medline Industries Inc. sought the deletion of the entire product range of the current listing of Medline Industries Inc. Sureprep Rapid Dry Barrier Spray (SAS Code 80197X) in subgroup 9(k) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule, as it is being discontinued. The product, including one variant, is currently listed at a unit price of \$11.80 with a pack size of one and a maximum monthly quantity of one unit.

Variant to be deleted

Product Code	Description
MSC1528	Sureprep Rapid Dry Barrier Spray – No Sting Barrier Film – 28ml

Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule on 1 July 2019.

Financial Analysis

Substitute products are currently listed in subgroup 9(k) of the SAS Schedule with the same maximum quantity but at different costs to the product. It is expected that users will transition to the available comparator products. While some comparator product costs are higher or lower than the deleted product, the average cost is approximately the same. It is therefore unlikely that there would be any budgetary impact for the SAS as a consequence of deleting this product.

Recommendation

As this was an administrative change, this application was considered by the Stoma Product Assessment Panel (the Panel) secretariat in line with the SAS Application and Assessment Guidelines. The Panel secretariat noted there are equivalent products remaining on the SAS Schedule and recommended the deletion of the entire product range of Medline Industries Inc. Sureprep Rapid Dry Barrier Spray (SAS Code 80197K) listed in subgroup 9(k) of the SAS Schedule.

Usually, a period of approximately 6 months from the date of the recommendation should be given to allow users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable stoma associations to manage their stock levels. Medline Industries Inc. noted the product has been discontinued, effective immediately when their application was submitted. Therefore, the Panel secretariat requested that Medline Industries Inc. advise stoma associations, ostomates, stomal therapy nurses and the Australian Council of Stoma Associations of the product deletion, effective immediately when the application was received.



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Context for Recommendation

The Panel secretariat, in accordance with the SAS Application and Assessment Guidelines, usually processes product deletions requested by the sponsor. This includes consideration of whether appropriate alternative products remain available on the SAS Schedule.

This deletion was considered out of session by the Panel secretariat and will be noted by the Panel at its next meeting in the second half of 2024.

Applicant's Comment

The applicant noted the recommendation.