



Stoma Product Assessment Panel Public Summary Documents Nice Pak – 14 May 2024

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Proposed Variation on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, NicePak, sought a variation in price to the current listing of NicePak Products Sudocrem (SAS Code 3979K) in subgroup 9(f) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including one variant, is currently listed at a unit price of \$3.30, with a pack size of one and a maximum monthly quantity of one unit.

Variation sought

The applicant requested an increase in the product price from \$3.300 to \$3.600 per unit.

Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule on 1 July 2014. This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) second consideration of a price variation for the product, with a previous request rejected at the October 2022 meeting.

Economic and Financial Analysis

Based on current utilisation, if the Panel recommended the increase in unit price, it would be expected to result in a modest increase to SAS expenditure.

The Panel considered that the evidence provided in the application and additional information provided by the applicant were insufficient to demonstrate cost-effectiveness of the product at the increased price.

Recommendation

The Panel rejected the application for a price increase for the Nice Pak Products Sudocrem. The Panel noted the secretariat sought additional information from the product sponsor, NicePak to support the request prior to the 14 May 2024 meeting. The Panel noted the application and the additional information provided by the product sponsor did not include sufficient evidence regarding cost-effectiveness at the increased price to support the requested price increase.

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. An applicant 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 recommendation.