

5. Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended the deletion of the entire product range for Ainscorp Salts Confidence Be Soft Convex (SAS Code 80206J) listed in subgroup 2(b) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of \$6.373, with a maximum monthly quantity of 30 units.

The Panel also noted that Ainscorp is to advise Stoma Associations, ostomates, Stomal Therapy Nurses and ACSA of the deletion. A period of approximately six months from the Panel recommended date (28 April 2020) should be given to allow users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable Stoma Associations to manage their stock levels.

6. Context for Decision

The Panel helps decide whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. It considers submissions in this context. A Panel decision 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 a decision 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 Cabinet/Ministerial approval.

7. Applicant's Comment

Ainscorp Pty Ltd agrees with the Panel's recommendation.