

## PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

**Product:** Review of products in subgroup 9(h)

**Date of SPAP Meeting:** 22 October 2019

### 1. Background

At the April 2019 Stoma Product Assessment Panel (SPAP) meeting, the Panel recommended a review of all products in subgroup 9(h) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (the Scheme) Schedule.

In May 2019 the SPAP Secretariat wrote to the six suppliers of products in subgroup 9(h), requesting the supply of clinical evidence supporting the clinical benefits of the use of products in ostomy care. The evidence was to include any reports, clinical trials and studies with regard to the use of support belts, abdominal binders and support garments for the management of a stoma. Suppliers were advised the information would be reviewed at the October 2019 SPAP meeting.

### 2. Applicants

Information was received from three suppliers of products listed in the table below:

Supplier	Product	SAS Code
Ainscorp	Salts Support Wear	9856R
Omnigon	Stoma Support Belt	3858C
Omnigon	Kool-Knit	9753H
Omnigon	Diamond Plus	9794L
Omnigon	Diamond Plus	9795M
Omnigon	Support Pans for Him	9835P
Omnigon	Total Control	9883E
Statina Healthcare	Corsinel Male Boxer Support Garment	3982N
Statina Healthcare	Corsinel Female Support Garment	3983P
Statina Healthcare	Corsinel Medium Support Underwear	80173P
Statina Healthcare	Corsinel	9958D

### 3. SPAP Comment

The Panel considered the submissions from suppliers of products in subgroup 9(h) and noted the clinical evidence provided was insufficient in relation to the use of support garments in the prevention and management of parastomal hernias. The Panel also noted that alternatives may be available from Department stores.

The Panel noted recommendations from 'international guidelines' – including the National Clinical Guidelines for stoma care of the Association of Stoma Care Nurses UK 2016, suggest the use of support garments for the prevention and management of parastomal hernias should be in conjunction with a comprehensive management plan that includes a clinical assessment of the individual including lifestyle and an exercise program.

The Panel agreed that products listed in subgroup 9(h) require two restrictions, and recommended a new restriction, which includes a health plan for the prevention and/or management of parastomal hernias authorised by a Stomal Therapy Nurse (STN), Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse or Registered Medical Professional. The Panel also agreed the restriction should include advice on the selection, correct sizing and measurement for products in subgroup 9(h), together with other patient relevant information, relevant to the prevention and management of parastomal hernias. This restriction will also ensure the cost-effectiveness of products is maintained on the Scheme Schedule.

#### **4. SPAP Recommendation**

The Panel recommended that all support garments in subgroup 9(h) have two restrictions, which includes a prevention and management plan, added to products currently listed in subgroup 9(h). The new restriction will be:

- R5 Restriction – As part of a health plan for the prevention and/or management of parastomal hernias – Requires Stomal Therapy Nurse (STN), Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse or Registered Medical Professional authorisation.

The current R2 Restriction – No Authority for an increase in the yearly allocation can be granted will remain for all support garments.

#### **5. Context for Decision**

The SPAP helps decide whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. It considers submissions in this context. An SPAP decision not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final SPAP view about the merits of a particular stoma product. A company can resubmit to the SPAP following a decision not to recommend listing or changes to a listing. The SPAP is an advisory committee and as such its recommendations are non-binding on Government. All SPAP recommendations are subject to Cabinet/Ministerial approval.