

PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Product: Suportx Shield Belt with Easy Peel Fastening

Applicant: Sutherland Medical

Date of SPAP Meeting: 22 October 2019

1. Proposed Listing on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, Sutherland Medical, sought listing of the Suportx Shield Belt with Easy Peel Fastening in subgroup 9(h) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including 90 variants was proposed for listing at a unit price of \$115.00, with a maximum annual quantity of three units.

2. Comparator

The applicant did not nominate a comparator.

3. Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (SPAP) first consideration of this product.

4. Clinical Place for the Product

The proposed product provides an alternative for users requiring ostomy pouch support and where protection is required to the stoma site.

5. SPAP Comment

Clinical Analysis

The Panel noted this product is an easy peel velcro belt that has been designed for ostomates who are unable to wear a firm support hernia belt due to restrictions. The Panel also noted the fabric in the belt is a four-way stretch fabric that provides firm support.

The Panel also noted the belt is suitable for those who require protection to the site and includes a protective shield. The Panel agreed the shield may be useful for sporting activities and physically active employment.

The Panel noted, the applicant did not nominate a comparator, however, the Panel agreed the product has comparable features to products already listed in subgroup 9(h). In the absence of a direct comparator, the Panel used support belts listed in subgroup 9(h) as a base price reference guide.

The Panel agreed the proposed product would be listed with an R2 Restriction – No Authority for an increase in the yearly allocation can be granted.

Economic Analysis

Not undertaken.

Financial Analysis

Listing of this product would result in a cost given there is no comparator product available on the SAS Schedule. It is therefore likely there would be a budgetary impact for the SAS as a consequence of listing this product under the conditions requested by the applicant.

6. SPAP Recommendation

The SPAP recommended that the Suportx Shield Belt with Easy Peel Fastening, including 90 variants, be listed in subgroup 9(h) of the SAS Schedule, at the unit price of \$115.00, with a maximum annual quantity of three units and an R2 Restriction – No authority for an increase in the yearly allocation can be granted.

However, the Panel noted that the recommendation for products listed in subgroup 9(h) of the SAS Schedule may be subject to change as a result of the outcomes from the subgroup 9(h) review.

7. 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.

8. Applicant's Comment

Sutherland Medical agrees with the SPAP's recommendation.