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Product: Review of Support Garments (Support Belts)

Date of SPAP Meeting: Out-of-Session – May 2020

1. Background

At the October 2019 Stoma Product Assessment Panel (the Panel) meeting, the Panel reviewed submissions from suppliers of support garments in subgroup 9(h) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (the Scheme) Schedule.

The Panel agreed the clinical evidence provided did not strongly support the use of support garments in the prevention and management of parastomal hernias and agreed to assess the support garments in subgroup 9(h) in two categories – support belts and support wear.

As part of the October 2019 meeting, the Panel also agreed to seek further clinical advice with regard to support belts currently listed in subgroup 9(h), in particular the support level classification of each support belt and its clinical benefit, the pricing of support belts and review the maximum annual quantity.

2. Support Belts currently listed in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule

| Supplier | Product | SAS Code | Unit Price | Maximum Annual Quantity |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------------------------|
| Omnigon | Stoma Support Belt | 3858C | \$71.01 | 3 |
| Omnigon | Total Control | 9883E | \$71.01 | 3 |
| Omnigon | Diamond Plus | 9796N | \$45.15 | 3 |
| Omnigon | Kool-Knit | 9753H | \$45.15 | 3 |
| Sutherland Medical | Abdominal Binder | 9980G | \$45.15 | 3 |

3. SPAP Comment

The Panel considered the additional clinical advice, out-of-session in May 2020 and noted there was no evidence provided to justify a price differential for support belts. The Panel agreed the Omnigon Kool-Knit (SAS code 9753H), the support belt product with the highest utilisation, with a unit price of \$45.15, is a suitable comparator for all support belts in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule.

The Panel also agreed that support belts in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule be reduced to the new benchmark unit price of \$45.15 and the maximum annual quantity for support belts be increased from three per annum to four per annum.

The Panel also noted that further advice would be sought with regard to support wear currently listed in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule and its role in the prevention and management of parastomal hernias, including advice on the level of support the support wear provides in comparison to the support belts currently listed. This advice will be considered at the SPAP October 2020 meeting.

The Panel also noted the recommendation from the SPAP October 2019 meeting, that products listed in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule include two restrictions.

4. Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended that support belts in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule have the unit price reduced to \$45.15 and the maximum annual quantity amended to four per annum.

The Panel also recommended that all support garments in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule, include two restrictions, 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 (clinical justification letter).

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

This recommendation will result in changes to the following listed products:

| Supplier | Product | SAS Code | Amendment |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|--|
| Omnigon | Stoma Support Belt | 3858C | Unit price and maximum annual quantity |
| Omnigon | Total Control | 9883E | Unit Price and maximum annual quantity |
| Omnigon | Diamond Plus | 9796N | Maximum annual quantity |
| Omnigon | Kool-Knit | 9753H | Maximum annual quantity |
| Sutherland Medical | Abdominal Binder | 9980G | Maximum annual quantity |

The Panel also confirmed that the price of \$45.15 and a maximum annual quantity of four per annum would be the benchmark for any future listings in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule.

5. 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.