

PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Product: Review of Support Garments (support wear and support belts) in Subgroup 9(h)
Date of SPAP Meeting: 20 October 2020

1. Background

The Stoma Product Assessment Panel (the Panel) previously reviewed products in subgroup 9(h) on the Stoma Appliance Scheme (the Scheme) Schedule in October 2019. The Panel agreed that the clinical evidence provided did not strongly support the use of support garments in the prevention and management of parastomal hernias. The Panel also agreed at the meeting to assess support garments in two categories – support belts and support wear.

The Panel considered 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 the recommendation from the October 2019 meeting that products in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule include two restrictions:

- R5 - *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).*
- R2 - *No Authority for an increase in the yearly allocation can be granted will remain for all support garments.*

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. To be considered at the Panel October 2020 meeting.

Suppliers of support garments were advised of the Panel's recommendation in July 2020 and were invited to submit written justification including any additional information if they did not agree with the recommendation. Suppliers were advised that all submissions would be considered at the 20 October 2020 Panel meeting. The Panel received one response.

2. SPAP Comment

The Panel considered the submission from the one supplier and the additional clinical advice from the Stomal Therapy Nurses and Colorectal Surgeon on the Panel. The Panel noted there was no evidence provided to justify support wear in the prevention and management of parastomal hernias. The Panel agreed that support wear in subgroup 9(h) should be removed the Scheme Schedule.

The Panel also agreed that the previous recommendation of the R5 restriction for support belts was no longer required.

3. Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended the following for support garments in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule:

Support Belts

The Panel recommended that support belts have the unit price reduced to \$45.15 and the maximum annual quantity amended to four per annum.

The Panel also recommended that the current R2 Restriction – No Authority for an increase in the yearly allocation can be granted will remain for all support garments, will remain. The previous recommendation of the R5 restriction would not be included for support belts.

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

Support Wear

The Panel recommended that all support wear in subgroup 9(h) on the Scheme Schedule be removed.

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

Supplier	Product	SAS Code	Amendment
Statina Healthcare	Statina Healthcare Corsinel – male boxer support garment	3982N	Deletion
Statina Healthcare	Statina Healthcare Corsinel – female lace support garment	3983P	Deletion
Statina Healthcare	Statina Healthcare Corsinel medium support underwear – male/female	80173P	Deletion
Omnigon	Omnigon support briefs for her	9752G	Deletion
Omnigon	Omnigon Diamond Plus – men’s boxer support pants	9794L	Deletion
Omnigon	Omnigon support pants for him	9835P	Deletion
Statina Healthcare	Statina Healthcare Corsinel – female and male	9958D	Deletion
Ainscorp	Aincorp Salts support wear	9856R	Deletion
Omnigon	Omnigon Diamond Plus – female support pants	9795M	Deletion

Following the outcome of the 20 October 2020 Panel meeting, the recommendation on support garments (support belts and support wear) in subgroup 9(h) will be made to Government.

4. 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.