# PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

**Product:** ConvaTec Natura+

**Applicant:** ConvaTec

**Date of SPAP Meeting:** 20 April 2021

## Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec, sought the deletion of four variants from the current listing of ConvaTec Natura+ (SAS Code 5685F) in subgroup 6(a) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule, as the products are no longer manufactured. The products, including eight variants, are currently listed at a unit price of $3.504, with a maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

## Substitute products

The applicant nominated substitute products from SAS Code 80186H.

**Variants to be deleted**

| **Product Code** | **Description** |
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| 416415 | single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, medium, hook and loop closure, belt loops on pouch, mechanical coupling, 38mm ring, |
| 416417 | single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, medium, hook and loop closure, belt loops on pouch, mechanical coupling, 45mm ring, |
| 416420 | single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, medium, hook and loop closure, belt loops on pouch, mechanical coupling, 57mm ring, |
| 416423 | single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, medium, hook and loop closure, belt loops on pouch, mechanical coupling, 70mm ring, |

## Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule in May 2017.

## Clinical Place for the Product

Not Applicable.

### Financial Analysis

The deletion of four variants is recommended. It is, unlikely that there would be any budgetary impact for the SAS as a consequence of deleting these product.

## Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended the deletion of four variants from the product range for ConvaTec Esteem Natura+ (SAS Code 5685F), in subgroup 6(a) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of $3.504, with a maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

The Panel also noted that ConvaTec is to advise Stoma Associations, ostomates, Stomal Therapy Nurses and ACSA of the deletion. A period of approximately six months from the date of the Panel’s recommendation (20 April 2021) should be given to allow users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable Stoma Associations to manage their stock levels.

## 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.

## Applicant’s Comment

ConvaTec agrees to the SPAP’s recommendation.