

PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Product: ConvaTec Natura+
Applicant: ConvaTec
Date of SPAP Meeting: 20 April 2021

1. 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.

2. Substitute products

The applicant nominated substitute products from SAS Code 80186H.

Variants to be deleted

Product Code	Description
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,

3. Background

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Applicant's Comment

ConvaTec agrees to the SPAP's recommendation.