

Product: ConvaTec Esteem+
Applicant: ConvaTec Australia Pty Ltd
Date of SPAP Meeting: 12 October 2021

1. Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec Australia Pty Ltd, sought the deletion of two variants from the current listing of ConvaTec Esteem+ (SAS Code 5677T) in subgroup 1(b) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (the Scheme) Schedule, due to the two variants being made obsolete by the manufacturer. The products, including 45 variants, are currently listed at a unit price of \$2.735, with a maximum monthly quantity of 90 units.

2. Substitute products

Not Applicable.

Variants to be deleted

Product Code	Description
421821	protected single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing on both sides including viewing window, medium, 500ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, cut-to-fit, 20mm, no release tabs, 70mm.
421824	protected single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing on both sides including viewing window, medium, 500ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, cut-to-fit, 60mm, no release tabs.

3. Background

This product was first listed on the Scheme Schedule on 21 November 2011.

4. Clinical Place for the Product

Not Applicable.

Financial Analysis

There are alternative substitute products currently listed in subgroup 1(b) of the Scheme Schedule at the same cost and maximum monthly quantity. It is therefore, unlikely that there would be any budgetary impact for the Scheme as a consequence of deleting the two variants.

5. Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended the deletion of two variants from product range ConvaTec Esteem+ (SAS Code 5677T) in subgroup 1(b) of the Scheme Schedule at the unit price of \$2.735, with a maximum monthly quantity of 90 units.

The Panel also noted that ConvaTec Australia Pty Ltd is to advise Stoma Associations, ostomates, Stomal Therapy Nurses and ACSA of the deletions. A period of approximately six months from the date of the Panel's recommendation (12 October 2021) should be given to allow users of the two variants 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 agree with the SPAP's recommendation.