Product: ConvaTec Esteem+

Applicant: ConvaTec Australia Pty Ltd

Date of SPAP Meeting: 26 April 2022

1. Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec Australia PTY LTD, sought the deletion of six products from the current product range of ConvaTec Esteem+ (SAS Code 5677T) in subgroup 1(b) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule, as they are no longer manufactured. The product, including 45 variants, is currently listed at a unit price of \$2.735 with a maximum monthly quantity of 90 units. The applicant has not sought the deletion of the remaining 39 variants.

2. Substitute products

Not applicable.

3. Variants to be deleted

Product Code	Description
421810	no filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, pre-cut, 40mm, no release tabs
421811	protected single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, cut-to-fit, 10mm, no release tabs, 50mm
421812	protected single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, pre-cut, 25mm, no release tabs
421813	protected single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, pre-cut, 30mm, no release tabs,
421814	protected single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, pre-cut, 35mm, no release tabs
421815	protected single carbon filter, opaque with fabric cover on both sides, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, no belt loops, 1.8mm, hydrocolloid baseplate, hydrocolloid self-adhesive, standard wear, oval, pre-cut, 40mm, no release tabs

4. Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule on 1 May 2018.

5. Clinical Place for the Product

Not applicable.

6. Financial Analysis

Substitute products are currently listed in subgroup 1(b) of the SAS Schedule at the same cost and maximum monthly quantity. It is therefore unlikely that there would be any budgetary impact for the SAS as a consequence of deleting this product.

7. Panel Recommendation

The Panel, noting that equivalent products remained on the Schedule, recommended the deletion of six variants from the product range for ConvaTec Esteem+ (SAS Code 5677T) listed in subgroup 1(b) of the SAS 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 deletion. A period of approximately six months from the Panel recommended date (26 April 2022) should be given to allow users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable Stoma Associations to manage their stock levels.

8. Context for Recommendation

The Panel provides advice on whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. Applications are considered in this context. Panel advice 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 advice 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.

9. Applicant's Comment

The applicant noted the SPAP recommendation.