# Public summary document

**Product:** ConvaTec Esteem Synergy+

**Applicant:** ConvaTec Australia Pty Ltd

**Date of SPAP Meeting:** 26 April 2022

## Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec Australia PTY LTD, sought the deletion of one variant from the current product range of ConvaTec Esteem Synergy+ (SAS Code 5684E) in subgroup 5(b) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including ten variants, is currently listed at a unit price of $1.564 with a maximum monthly quantity of 90 units. The applicant has not sought the deletion of the remaining nine variants.

## Substitute products

ConvaTec Esteem Synergy+ (SAS Code 5684E) in subgroup 5(b), company code 416777.

## Variants to be deleted

| **Product Code** | **Description** |
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| 416776 | single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing, small, no belt loops, adhesive coupling, 35mm ring |

## Background

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

## Clinical Place for the Product

Not applicable.

## Financial Analysis

Substitute products are currently listed in subgroup 5(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.

## Panel Recommendation

The Panel, noting an equivalent product remained on the Schedule, recommended the deletion of one variant from the product range for ConvaTec Esteem Synergy+ (SAS Code 5684E) listed in subgroup 5(b) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of $1.564 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.

## 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.

## Applicant’s Comment

The applicant noted the SPAP recommendation.