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Proposal to list various respiratory aerosol inhalers supplied by Rex Medical Ltd

PHARMAC is seeking feedback on a proposal to list four brands of respiratory aerosol inhalers, resulting from a provisional agreement formed between Rex Medical Ltd and PHARMAC.

In summary, this proposal would result in the following additional brands of certain aerosol inhalers being fully funded in the Community and able to be used in DHB Hospitals:

- Floair HFA (fluticasone propionate);
- RexAir HFA (fluticasone propionate with salmeterol);
- Meterol HFA (salmeterol); and
- SalAir (salbutamol).

Feedback sought

PHARMAC welcomes feedback on this proposal. To provide feedback, please submit it in writing by **Monday, 2 March 2015** to:

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All feedback received before the closing date will be considered by PHARMAC's Board (or its delegate) prior to making a decision on this proposal.

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Details of the proposal

It is proposed that, from 1 October 2015 the following products would be listed in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule at the following prices and subsidies (ex-manufacturer and ex-GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price and subsidy 1 October 2015
Fluticasone	aerosol inhaler 50 mcg	Floair HFA	120 dose OP	\$7.50
Fluticasone	aerosol inhaler 125 mcg	Floair HFA	120 dose OP	\$13.60
Fluticasone	aerosol inhaler 250 mcg	Floair HFA	120 dose OP	\$27.20
Fluticasone with salmeterol	aerosol inhaler 50 mcg fluticasone with 25 mcg salmeterol	RexAir HFA	120 dose OP	\$37.48
Fluticasone with salmeterol	aerosol inhaler 125 mcg fluticasone with 25 mcg salmeterol	RexAir HFA	120 dose OP	\$49.69
Salbutamol	aerosol inhaler 100 mcg	SalAir	200 dose OP	\$3.80
Salmeterol	aerosol inhaler 25 mcg	Meterol HFA	120 dose OP	\$26.46

- A confidential rebate, ending on 31 May 2017, would apply to Floair HFA, RexAir HFA and Meterol HFA which would reduce the net price of those treatments.
- From 1 June 2017, FloAir HFA, RexAir HFA and Meterol HFA would be listed with reduced prices and subsidies (i.e. the net price and the list price would be the same).
- Floair HFA, RexAir HFA, SalAir and Meterol HFA would have subsidy and delisting protection until 1 February 2019.

Background

The following brands of aerosol inhalers with the same chemicals are already listed in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule:

- Flixotide (fluticasone) – fully funded
- Seretide (fluticasone with salmeterol) – fully funded
- Serevent (salmeterol) – fully funded
- Respigen (salbutamol) – fully funded
- Salamol (salbutamol) – fully funded
- Ventolin (salbutamol) – part funded