

1 November 2013

Dear Supplier

**Amended timeline and additional information for nicotine replacement therapy RFP**

On 16 October 2013 PHARMAC issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the supply of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) in New Zealand including, but not limited to, nicotine gum, lozenges and patches, with a deadline for submissions of 5 pm on 7 November 2013. A copy of the RFP can be found on PHARMAC's website at:

<http://www.pharmac.health.nz/news/item/rfp-nicotine-replacement-therapy>

This letter provides additional relevant information and an extension to the deadline for submissions.

PHARMAC is currently involved in work which may enable community pharmacists to independently dispense some subsidised pharmaceuticals to patients. The exact outcomes and timing of this work are not yet decided, however NRT products are being considered for funding through this mechanism, in addition to being funded through prescriptions, Quitline exchange cards and Authorised Providers. Should access to subsidised NRT be amended in this way, there may be increased growth in the subsidised NRT market, and also a decrease in the private market for NRT.

We are aware that this new information may affect your proposals under this RFP, and accordingly we are providing an extension to the RFP submission deadline: proposals may now be submitted up until **5:00 pm on 22 November 2013**. It is not expected that this change will significantly affect any of the timelines outlined in the RFP document.

Please note that we are willing to consider proposals that involve prices that vary based on whether or not community pharmacists become authorised to independently dispense funded NRT during the contract period.

If you have any questions about this RFP, please contact Geraldine MacGibbon at PHARMAC on (04) 916 7514 or [geraldine.macgibbon@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:geraldine.macgibbon@pharmac.govt.nz).

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Fitt  
Director of Operations

A643948qA27132