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### February 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **February 2018** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

### Locoid Ointment – Out of stock

We have been advised of a stock issue for Locoid ointment (hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1%). Stock is expected to be available by the end of January 2018. There is stock of Locoid Lipocream which could be considered as an alternative.

### New listings

- Budesonide (Entocort CIR) cap 3 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, new Pharmacode (p'code 2536528)
- Blood ketone diagnostic test strip (KetoSens) test strips – maximum of 20 strips per prescription, up to 10 strips available on PSO, not on BSO and subsidy by endorsement (p'code 2535432)
- Blood glucose diagnostic test meter (CareSens N Premier) meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 diagnostic test strips – maximum of 1 pack per prescription, up to 1 pack available on a PSO, pharmacist able to claim subsidy without prescription, subsidy by endorsement, no patient co-payment, and Brand Switch Fee payable (p'code 2535416)
- Blood glucose diagnostic test strip (CareSens PRO) test strips – up to 50 test available on a PSO, quantity on prescription restricted to 50 test strips unless patients meet access criteria (p'code 2535424)
- Cetuximab inj 5 mg per ml, 20 ml (p'code 2304457) and 100 ml vial (p'code 2304465) (Erbix) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority
- Dual blood glucose and blood ketone diagnostic test meter (CareSens Dual) meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 blood glucose diagnostic test strips – maximum of 1 pack per prescription, up to 1 pack available on PSO, pharmacist able to claim subsidy without prescription, subsidy by endorsement, no patient co-payment payable and Brand Switch Fee payable (p'code 2535408)
- Epoprostenol (Veletri) inj 500 mcg (p'code 2488175) and 1.5 mg vial (p'code 2488183) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Laronidase (Aldurazyme) inj 100 U per ml, 5 ml vial – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2398362)
- Levetiracetam (Levetiracetam-AFT) oral liq 100 mg per ml, 300 ml OP (p'code 2472406)
- Mesalazine (Asacol) tab 400 mg (p'code 2536544), 800 mg (p'code 2536552) and suppos 500 mg (p'code 2536560) – new Pharmacodes

- Paediatric oral/enteral feed 1kcal/ml (Infatrini) liquid, 125 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2537923)
- Pharmacy services (BSF CareSens N (p'code 2423138), BSF CareSens N POP (p'code 2423154), BSF CareSens N Premier (p'code 2535882) and BSF CareSens Dual (p'code 2535890)) brand switch fee – may be claimed once per patient

#### **Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations**

- Ambrisentan (Volibris) tab 5 mg and 10 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Blood glucose diagnostic test meter (CareSens II) meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 diagnostic test strips – amended subsidy by endorsement, and addition of pharmacist able to claim subsidy without prescription
- Blood glucose diagnostic test meter (CareSens N Premier, CareSens N and CareSens N POP) meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 diagnostic test strips – amended subsidy by endorsement, and addition of pharmacist able to claim subsidy without prescription, no patient co-payment payable and Brand Switch Fee payable
- Blood glucose diagnostic test strip (CareSens, CareSens N, Accu-Chek Performa and Freestyle Optium) test strip – amended presentation description
- Bosentan (Mylan-Bosentan and Bosentan-Mylan) tab 62.5 mg and 125 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Iloprost (Ventavis) nebuliser soln 10 mcg per ml, 2 ml – amended Special Authority criteria
- Levetiracetam (Everet) tab 500 mg – oral liquid formulation note removed
- Levetiracetam 100mg/ml – removed from standardised formula for compounding in Ora products
- Metformin hydrochloride (Metformin Mylan) tab immediate-release 850 mg – Sole Supply reinstated
- Ondansetron (Ondansetron ODT-DRLA) tab disp 4 mg – amended brand name
- Sildenafil (Vedafil) tab 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Zinc and castor oil (Multichem) oint – amended presentation description

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Amitriptyline	Tab 10 mg	Arrow-Amitriptyline
Lidocaine [lignocaine]	Gel 2%, 10 ml urethral syringe	Pfizer
Lidocaine [lignocaine] with chlorhexidine	Gel 2% with chlorhexidine 0.05%, 10 ml urethral syringes	Pfizer
Losartan potassium with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide	Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands*
Amitriptyline	Tab 25 mg and 50 mg	Arrow-Amitriptyline	
Bicalutamide	Tab 50 mg	Binarex*	Bicalaccord
Blood glucose diagnostic test meter	Meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 diagnostic test strips	CareSens N CareSens N POP CareSens N Premier* CareSens II*	
Fluconazole	Cap 50 mg, 150 mg and 200 mg	Mylan* Ozole	
Levodopa with carbidopa	Tab 100 mg with carbidopa 25 mg	Kinson Sinemet*	
Macrogol 3350 with potassium chloride, sodium bicarbonate and sodium chloride	Powder for oral soln 13.125 g with potassium chloride 46.6 mg, sodium bicarbonate 178.5 mg and sodium chloride 350.7 mg	Molaxole*	Lax-Sachets
Ondansetron	Tab disp 4 mg and 8 mg	Ondansetron ODT-DRLA	

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 February 2018.