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**To All Interested Parties**

**CONSULTATION ON THE ASTRAZENECA PROPOSAL REGARDING BETALOC CR, BRICANYL, PULMICORT, AND OXIS 6mg**

Further to the consultation letter dated 23 December 2003 on the AstraZeneca provisional agreement relating to the supply of Bricanyl 250µg Turbuhaler, Oxis 6µg Turbuhaler, Pulmicort 100µg, 200µg and 400µg Turbuhalers, and Betaloc CR 23.75mg, 47.5mg, 95mg, and 190mg tablets.

The provisional agreement with AstraZeneca includes price and subsidy changes for budesonide (Pulmicort) Turbuhaler 100µg, 200µg and 400µg breath activated devices with effect from 1 July 2004. Pulmicort Turbuhalers are listed in the Inhaled corticosteroids – breath activated devices therapeutic subgroups of the Pharmaceutical Schedule. This proposal would also change the reference price of Inhaled corticosteroids – breath activated devices Medium Dose, High Dose, and Very High Dose therapeutic subgroups from 1 July 2004 as outlined in the table below.

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Chemical	Strength	Current Subsidy (Manufacturer's Price)	Proposed Subsidy from 1 July 2004	Pack Size	Brand
<i>Medium dose</i>					
Beclomethasone Dipropionate	100µg per dose	\$13.00 (\$17.00)	\$17.00	200 dose OP	✓ <b>Respocort 100 Autohaler</b>
Budesonide	100µg per dose	\$13.00	\$17.00	200 dose OP	✓ <b>Pulmicort Turbuhaler</b>
Fluticasone	50µg per dose	\$3.90 (\$8.67)	\$5.10	60 dose OP	Flixotide Accuhaler
<i>High Dose</i>					
Beclomethasone Dipropionate	250µg per dose	\$28.13	\$23.75	200 dose OP	Respocort Forte Autohaler
Budesonide	200µg per dose	\$22.50	\$19.00	200 dose OP	✓ <b>Pulmicort Turbuhaler</b>
Fluticasone	100µg per dose	\$6.75 (\$13.87)	\$5.70	60 dose OP	Flixotide Accuhaler
<i>Very High Dose</i>					
Budesonide	400µg per dose	\$38.55	\$32.00	200 dose OP	✓ <b>Pulmicort Turbuhaler</b>
Fluticasone	250µg per dose	\$14.46 (\$24.51)	\$12.00	60 dose OP	Flixotide Accuhaler

✓ **Fully subsidised**

\* Note that Flixotide powder for inhalation, 100µg and 250µg per dose, 4 doses per disk to be delisted 1 February 2004.

If you wish to make comments on this proposal, please forward them to Natalie Ganley at PHARMAC by **5 pm on Friday, 16 January 2004.**

Yours sincerely



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