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**To All Pharmaceutical Suppliers, Medical Groups and Interested Parties**

*By facsimile (2 pages)*

**CONSULTATION ON AMENDED TERMS OF LISTING FOR ONDANSETRON (ZOFRAN AND ZOFRAN ZYDIS) ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL SCHEDULE**

PHARMAC has reached provisional agreement with GSK for amended terms of listing for Zofran and Zofran Zydis in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule (covering supply in the community) and Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule (covering supply to DHB hospitals).

**Community Supply**

It is proposed to widen access to Zofran and Zofran Zydis with effect from 1 February 2005, by amending the restriction on access to subsidy to allow for two dispensings of 6 tablets per month. The proposed amendment to the restriction for ondansetron is shown below (changes in bold and strikethrough):

- Hospital pharmacy [HP3]-specialist  
 a) ~~Not to exceed 6 tablets per prescription; and~~  
**a) Maximum of 6 tablets per dispensing; and**  
**b) Maximum of 12 tablets per prescription.**  
 Not more than one prescription per month.

Under the proposal:

- Zofran and Zofran Zydis would remain fully subsidised, and the reference pricing proposed in our 30 July 2004 consultation letter would not occur;
- The subsidy for Zofran and Zofran Zydis in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule would be protected until 30 June 2007;
- Zofran Zydis would be subject to confidential rebate provisions;
- The price for Zofran would be reduced from 1 February 2005, and again from 1 July 2005, as follows:

Chemical – brand	Presentation	Units per pack	Current price and subsidy	Proposed price and subsidy from 1 February 2005	Proposed price and subsidy from 1 July 2005
Ondansetron - Zofran	Tab 4 mg	10	\$86.00	\$64.50	\$32.25
Ondansetron - Zofran	Tab 8 mg	20	\$247.60	\$185.70	\$92.85
Ondansetron - Zofran Zydis	Tab disp 4 mg	10	\$86.00	\$86.00	\$86.00
Ondansetron - Zofran Zydis	Tab disp 8 mg	10	\$123.80	\$123.80	\$123.80

Prices and subsidies are ex manufacturer, ex GST.

### ***Hospital supply***

The following is proposed in regard to DHB hospital supply:

- Zofran and Zofran Zydys would be protected from another brand of ondansetron being awarded Hospital Supply Status until 30 June 2007;
- Hospital expenditure on Zofran Zydys tablets would be subject to confidential rebate provisions;
- The price listed in Section H for Zofran would be reduced as shown in the table below:

<b>Chemical – brand</b>		<b>Units per pack</b>	<b>Current price</b>	<b>Proposed price from 1 February 2005</b>	<b>Proposed price from 1 July 2005</b>
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If you wish to make comments for the PHARMAC Board or Chief Executive to consider when making its decision on whether to accept this proposal, please forward them to Hew Norris at PHARMAC by **4:00pm, Friday 7 January 2005**.

Yours sincerely



Hew Norris  
Therapeutic Group Manager