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Special foods supplied by Nestle: proposed changes to some funded products

PHARMAC is seeking feedback on a provisional agreement with Nestle Healthcare Nutrition to replace the currently listed Isosource and Fibresource brands of enteral feed (with and without fibre) with the Isosource HN and Fibresource HN brands, in the Adult Products Standard in Section D of the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

Included in the provisional agreement are a number of other Special Foods products supplied by Nestle which would continue to be listed at current prices and subsidies.

Proposal summary

Isosource HN and Fibresource HN would be listed under the current Special Authority applying to Adult Products Standard from 1 October 2008. These products would replace Isosource Standard, Isosource Standard RTH, Fibresource and Fibresource RTH, which will be delisted from the Pharmaceutical Schedule in the future (although these other products would not be delisted before 1 April 2009).

A number of other Special Foods products supplied by Nestle would continue to be listed at the current prices and subsidies.

The provisional agreement contains pricing protection until at least 30 September 2013.

Feedback sought

We welcome your feedback on this proposal. To provide feedback on this proposal please submit it in writing by **5pm, Monday, 8 September 2008** to:

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All feedback received before the closing day will be considered by PHARMAC's Board (or Chief Executive, acting under delegated authority) when making a decision on this proposal.

If the proposal is approved, it is anticipated that the proposed changes would take effect from 1 October 2008.

Details of the proposal

Isosource HN and Fibresource HN would be listed under the Adults Product Standard heading in Section D of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 October 2008 as below. In addition, the following products will remain listed at their current prices and subsidies in section D of the Pharmaceutical Schedule:

Adult Products Standard

Chemical	Brand	Form	Pack size	Price	Subsidy
Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml	Isosource HN	Liquid	250 ml OP	\$1.24	\$1.24
Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml	Isosource Standard	Liquid	250 ml OP	\$1.24	\$1.24
Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml	IsosourceStandard RTH	Liquid	1L OP	\$5.29	\$5.29
Enteral feed with fibre 1 kcal/ml	Fibresource HN	Liquid	250 ml OP	\$1.24	\$1.24
Enteral feed with fibre 1 kcal/ml	Fibresource	Liquid	250 ml OP	\$1.24	\$1.24
Enteral feed with fibre 1 kcal/ml	Fibresource RTH	Liquid	1 L OP	\$5.29	\$5.29
Oral feed 1.5 kcal/ml	Resource Plus	Liquid	237 ml	\$1.33	\$1.33

Paediatric Products

Chemical	Brand	Form	Pack size	Price	Subsidy
Paediatric Oral Feed 1 kcal/ml	Resource Just for Kids	Liquid	237 ml OP	\$1.27	\$1.27

Diabetic Products

Chemical	Brand	Form	Pack size	Price	Subsidy
Oral feed 1 kcal/ml	Resource Diabetic	Liquid	237 ml OP	\$1.78	\$1.78
Diabetic enteral feed 1 kcal/ml	ResourceDiabetic TF RTH	Liquid	1 L OP	\$7.50	\$7.50

Specialised And Elemental Products

Chemical	Brand	Form	Pack size	Price	Subsidy
Oral elemental feed 1 kcal/ml	Vivonex TEN	Powder	80.4 g OP	\$4.00	\$4.00

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Chemical	Brand	Form	Pack size	Price	Subsidy
Elemental formula	Vivonex Pediatric	Powder	48.5 g OP	\$6.00	\$5.62