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Proposal to fund healthE Fatty Cream (oil in water emulsion)

PHARMAC is seeking feedback on a proposal to fund a new brand of oil in water emulsion cream (healthE Fatty Cream) on the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

This proposal would result in:

- healthE Fatty Cream being listed in Section B and Section H of the Pharmaceutical from 1 October 2009 at the following price and subsidy (ex-manufacturer and exclusive of GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price and subsidy
Oil in water emulsion	Cream	healthE Fatty Cream	500 g	\$2.80

- healthE Fatty Cream would have subsidy and delisting protection until 30 September 2012.

Feedback sought

PHARMAC welcomes feedback on this proposal. To provide feedback, please submit it in writing by **Friday 10 July 2009** to:

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

Background

PHARMAC and Jaychem Industries Limited have entered into a provisional agreement relating to the supply of oil in water emulsion cream (healthE Fatty Cream), which is made to the same formulation as the currently funded Lemnis Fatty Cream.

We note that stocks of Lemnis Fatty Cream, as supplied by CSL Biotherapies, are almost depleted and that the supplier has notified that this brand will be discontinued at that time. As a result Lemnis Fatty Cream will be delisted from the Pharmaceutical Schedule later this year.

This proposal would ensure that a suitable alternative brand was funded to ensure continuity of supply.