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Listing of sodium bicarbonate capsules

PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of an agreement with Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd relating to sodium bicarbonate capsules (Sodibic). This was the subject of a consultation letter dated 2 July 2010¹.

The decision will mean that sodium bicarbonate 840 mg capsules (Sodibic) will be fully funded from 1 September 2010, without any restriction in regard to indication. We have received applications for funding sodium bicarbonate for the treatment of metabolic acidosis associated with chronic renal failure.

Details of the proposal

Sodium bicarbonate 840 mg capsules (Sodibic) will be listed in Section B and in Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 September 2010 at the following price and subsidy (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price and subsidy
Sodium bicarbonate	Cap 840 mg	Sodibic	100	\$8.52

Feedback received

We appreciate all of the feedback that we received and acknowledge the time people took to respond. All consultation responses received by 16 July 2010 were considered in their entirety before making a decision on the proposed changes. All responses received were supportive of the proposal.

More information

If you have any questions about this decision, you can call our toll free number (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday) on 0800 66 00 50.

¹ <http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/2010/07/02/2010-06-30>