

4 November 2013

## **Amendment to anticipated timetable and additional information: Request for Proposals – Supply of Somatropin**

### **Amendment to RFP timetable**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, PHARMAC released an RFP for the supply of somatropin in New Zealand (“Somatropin RFP”). Since then PHARMAC has received requests from two potential suppliers for additional information regarding the use of somatropin in the community (which is set out, for all potential suppliers, on the following pages).

To provide sufficient time for consideration of the additional information, PHARMAC is extending the time for suppliers to submit their proposals until **4.00 pm, 18 November 2013**.

This means that the anticipated timetable as outlined on page 8 of the somatropin RFP is amended as follows (changes in **bold** and ~~striketrough~~):

#### **1. Anticipated timetable**

(a) Following receipt of proposals, PHARMAC anticipates:

- (i) the Evaluation Committee evaluating proposals in November ~~2013~~/**December 2013**;
- (ii) negotiating with submitter(s) of one or more preferred proposals in ~~November~~/December 2013;
- (iii) consulting on one or more provisional agreement(s) in December 2013 / January 2014;
- (iv) PHARMAC’s Board, or the Board’s delegate, considering this provisional agreement in or after ~~January~~ / February 2014;

provided that the above time frames are only approximate and may be extended, without notice being required from PHARMAC, if any stages of the RFP process take longer than anticipated.

(b) Under this indicative timetable, the earliest that changes to the Pharmaceutical Schedule could be implemented is ~~March~~ **April** 2014.

## Additional information

Please note that while PHARMAC has taken all reasonable care in preparing the information set out below, it accepts no liability for any errors or omissions in the information. PHARMAC is not obliged to notify you in the event of any change to the figures below.

### *New patients*

The number of new patients eligible for Somatropin (1 January 2010 – 31 December 2012):

	2010	2011	2012
<b>Adults (ages 18 and above)</b>	50	80	45
<b>Children (ages 0 – 18)</b>	43	48	51

Please note, the increase in the adult patient numbers from 2010 to 2011 is likely to be attributed to widening access to include treatment of growth hormone deficient adults and adolescents from 1 April 2010. Details of that decision can be found on our [website \(http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/2010/03/12/2010-03%20Somatropin%20widened%20access%20notification.pdf\)](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/2010/03/12/2010-03%20Somatropin%20widened%20access%20notification.pdf).

### *Geographical distribution of patients throughout New Zealand*

Distribution of paediatric and adolescent patients by region (as at 1 November 2013):

Region	Number of patients
Auckland	36
Bay of Plenty	17
Canterbury	24
Capital Coast	22
Counties Manukau	15
Hawkes Bay	13
Hutt Valley	10
Lakes	8
MidCentral	5
Nelson Marlborough	9
Northland	8
Otago	3
South Canterbury	1
Southern	2
Southland	6
Tairāwhiti	2
Taranaki	11
Waikato	15
Wairarapa	6
Waitemata	28
Whanganui	3

Distribution of adult patients by region (as at 1 November 2013):

Region	Number of patients
Auckland	15
Bay of Plenty	10
Canterbury	31
Capital Coast	24
Counties Manukau	2
Hawkes Bay	5
Hutt Valley	2
Lakes	3
Nelson Marlborough	2
Northland	4
Otago	7
South Canterbury	2
Southern	8
Southland	2
Tairāwhiti	5
Taranaki	4
Waikato	27
Wairarapa	2
Waitemata	13
West Coast	1
Whanganui	1

### ***Pharmacy packaging containers***

The description of the containers required for the delivery of somatropin to eligible patients as mentioned on page 10 of the Somatropin RFP is as follows:

- Clear plastic rectangular container with separate snap on lids.
- 500 ml capacity.
- Dimensions are approximately 17.5 cm x 12 cm x 4 cm.

If you have any further questions about this RFP, please contact **Christine Chapman** at PHARMAC by telephone (04) 916 7569 or email [christine.chapman@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:christine.chapman@pharmac.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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