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Changes to reimbursement of Special Foods for Community Patients

Further to the PHARMAC notification on 28th February that outlined changes in funding of Special Foods effective 1st April 2011, Nutricia would like to provide information regarding the Nutricia products affected by this change.

The prices of the following Nutricia products have changed as of 14th March 2011, for publication in the Pharmaceutical Schedule Update 1st April 2011:

Fortisip and Fortisip Multi Fibre

Effective 1st April 2011, the price of Fortisip and Fortisip Multi Fibre variants will change to \$1.26 per 200ml bottle. The following arrangements will apply:

1. **Repeat prescriptions** of Fortisip and Fortisip Multi Fibre will be fully funded at \$1.26 per 200ml bottle. This is per the PHARMAC agreement.
2. **New prescriptions** will be funded at \$0.72 per 200ml bottle. A patient co-payment will be required.
3. **Bolus fed patients:** PHARMAC is considering the full reimbursement Fortisip and Fortisip Multi Fibre for bolus fed patients. Once a decision has been made and confirmation is received, Nutricia will provide a further communication to customers.

Product	Pharmacode	Old price per 200ml bottle	Price per 200ml bottle (effective 14th March 2011)
Fortisip Vanilla	2220822	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Strawberry	2220849	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Chocolate	2220830	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Banana	2220857	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Caramel	2220865	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Tropical Fruit	2220814	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Multi Fibre Vanilla	2224410	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Multi Fibre Strawberry	2224402	\$1.12	\$1.26
Fortisip Multi Fibre Chocolate	2224399	\$1.12	\$1.26

Neocate infant formula range

4. Neocate and Neocate LCP are now fully subsidised at \$56.00 per can. A patient co-payment is no longer required. Prices and subsidies are stipulated in the table below.

Product	Pharmacode	Old price per 400g can	Price/subsidy per 400g can (effective 14 th March 2011)
Neocate	110611	\$67.08	\$56.00
Neocate LCP	111686	\$67.08	\$56.00

Products for Inborn Errors of Metabolism

5. **The criteria for the special authority of Foods and Supplements for Inborn Errors of Metabolism** have been amended and prescribing guidelines have been removed.
6. There are 2 changes to chemical names of products within this category:
 - Phenyl Free Baking Mix changed to 'Low Protein Baking Mix' relating to the product Loprofin Mix
 - Phenyl Free Pasta changed to 'Low Protein Pasta' which relates to the varieties of Loprofin pastas: lasagne, rice pasta, macaroni, penne, spaghetti and spirals
7. Low Protein Baking Mix and Low Protein Pasta are now fully funded. A patient co-payment is no longer required. The table below stipulates the new subsidy of the Low Protein Product range.

Form	Brand	Pack Size	Price	Current Subsidy	New Subsidy (Effective 1 April 2011)**
Low Protein Baking Mix					
Powder	Loprofin	500g OP	\$8.22	\$6.70	\$8.22
Low Protein Pasta					
Animal Shapes	Loprofin	500g OP	\$11.91	\$10.65	\$11.91
Lasagne	Loprofin	250g OP	\$5.95	\$5.32	\$5.95
Rice Pasta	Loprofin	500g OP	\$11.91	\$10.65	\$11.91
Macaroni	Loprofin	250g OP	\$5.95	\$5.32	\$5.95
Penne	Loprofin	500g OP	\$11.91	\$10.65	\$11.91
Spaghetti	Loprofin	500g OP	\$11.91	\$10.65	\$11.91
Spirals (Fusilli)	Loprofin	500g OP	\$11.91	\$10.65	\$11.91

**All prices for Loprofin products are excluding GST

If you have any questions that arise from these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 570 0882 or julie.lowe@nutricia.com

Kind regards,



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