Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee

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DELISTING OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFIT ITEMS EFFECTIVE 01 MAY 2025

Following is the advice of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) concerning the delisting of items from the declaration under subsections 85(2) and 85(2A) of the *National Health Act 1953*, with effect from the above date.

Item	PBAC Advice

Adefovir The sponsor requested the delisting of APO-Adefovir (adefovir)

from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

The PBAC noted the low number of services in the last financial year and that there are alternatives on the PBS. The PBAC advised the delisting of this product would not result in an unmet clinical

need.

Cefotaxime The sponsor requested the delisting of DBL Cefotaxime

(cefotaxime) from PBS.

The PBAC noted the low number of services in the last financial year. The PBAC noted concerns about the delisting of antibiotics from the PBS and the impacts this can have for clinical choice and antimicrobial resistance. The PBAC advised the delisting of this product may result in an unmet clinical need and requested that

the Department seek to retain this product.

Gentamicin The sponsor requested the delisting of Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd

(gentamicin) from the PBS.

The PBAC noted the moderate number of services in the last financial year and that there is a lack of appropriate alternatives on the PBS. The PBAC advised the delisting of this product may result in an unmet clinical and requested that the Department seek

to retain this product.

Praziquantel

The sponsor requested the delisting of Biltricide® (praziquantel) from the PBS.

The PBAC noted the low number of services in the last financial year and that there are no suitable alternatives on the PBS. The PBAC advised the delisting of this product may result in an unmet clinical need and requested that the Department seek to retain this product.

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