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Bisacodyl suppositories (Dulcolax) funding approved

PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of a supply agreement with Boehringer Ingelheim NZ Limited for bisacodyl suppositories (Dulcolax).

The supplier of the Fleet brand of bisacodyl 10 mg suppositories (Baxter) has given notice of its discontinuation and that remaining stock is nearly depleted. The listing of Dulcolax 10 mg suppositories will ensure that a funded 10 mg bisacodyl suppository remains available for those who need it.

In addition, the manufacturers' surcharge that applies to the Dulcolax 5 mg bisacodyl suppository will be removed.

Summary of the decision

Dulcolax will be listed in Section B and Section H of the Pharmaceutical from 1 April 2010 at the following price and subsidy (ex-manufacturer and ex-GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price and subsidy
Bisacodyl	Suppository 5 mg	Dulcolax	6	\$3.00
	Suppository 10 mg	Dulcolax	6	\$3.00

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

What feedback was received?

We appreciate the feedback we received in response to consultation and acknowledge the time people took to respond. Responses were supportive towards the continued funding of bisacodyl suppositories on the Pharmaceutical Schedule.