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## Proposal relating to betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol, calcipotriol, fusidic acid and bumetanide approved

PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of an agreement with CSL Biotherapies (NZ) Limited. This was the subject of a consultation letter dated 22 September 2011 which can be found at: <http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/2011/09/22/2011-09-22>. In summary, the effect of the decision is that, from 1 December 2011:

- Betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol (Daivobet) ointment and gel will be subsidised.
- The price and subsidy for calcipotriol (Daivonex) cream, ointment and solution will be reduced, remaining full subsidised.
- The price for fusidic acid (Fucithalmic) eye drops will be reduced to the current subsidy resulting in Fucithalmic being fully subsidised.
- Fusidic acid (Fucidin) tablets and bumetanide (Burinex) tablets will remain fully subsidised at the current price.
- All pharmaceuticals involved in this decision will have subsidy and delisting protection until 30 June 2015.

### Details of the decision

All changes will occur from 1 December 2011 and all the pharmaceuticals included in this decision will have subsidy and delisting protection until 30 June 2015.

#### Betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol (Daivobet)

Daivobet ointment and gel will be listed in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule as follows (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

Product	Brand	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Price and subsidy
Betamethasone with calcipotriol	Daivobet	Oint 500 µg with calcipotriol 50 µg	30 g OP	\$26.12
Betamethasone with calcipotriol	Daivobet	Gel 500 µg with calcipotriol 50 µg	30 g OP	\$26.12

Calcipotriol (Daivonex)

Daivonex cream, ointment and solution will have price and subsidy reductions for all presentations in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule, as follows (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

Product	Brand	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Current price and subsidy	Price and subsidy from 1 Dec 2011
Calcipotriol	Daivonex	Crn 50 µg per g	30 g OP	\$20.20	\$16.00
Calcipotriol	Daivonex	Crn 50 µg per g	100 g OP	\$56.32	\$45.00
Calcipotriol	Daivonex	Oint 50 µg per g	100 g OP	\$56.32	\$45.00
Calcipotriol	Daivonex	Soln 50 µg per g	30 ml OP	\$20.22	\$16.00

Fusidic acid (Fucithalmic) eye drops

The price of Fucithalmic eye drops will reduce in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule to the level of the current subsidy, as follows (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

Product	Brand	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Current subsidy (price)	Price and subsidy from 1 Dec 2011
Fusidic acid	Fucithalmic	Eye drops 1%	5 g OP	\$4.50 (\$11.52)	\$4.50

Fusidic acid (Fucidin) and bumetanide (Burinex)

Fucidin and Burinex tablets will continue to be listed in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule, as follows (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

Product	Brand	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Current price and subsidy	Price and subsidy from 1 Dec 2011
Fusidic acid	Fucidin	Tab 250 mg	12	\$34.50	\$34.50
Bumetanide	Burinex	Tab 1 mg	100	\$16.36	\$16.36

**Feedback received**

We appreciate all of the feedback that we received and acknowledge the time people took to respond. All consultation responses received by 6 October 2011 were considered in their

entirety in making a decision on the proposed changes. All responses were supportive of the proposal.

One responder queried why the consultation did not include the 30 g Daivonex Ointment and 60 ml Daivonex solution. We note that the supplier has indicated that these presentations will be discontinued at the exhaustion of the current stock in the country. The price and subsidy of these presentations will not change as a result of this 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.