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Subject **▪ Clarithromycin 500 mg tablets – Deferral of Sole Supply and Hospital Sole Supply**

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Dear Pharmacist and Wholesaler

Clarithromycin 500 mg tablets (Apo-Clarithromycin) – Deferral of SSS and HSS

We have been advised by Apotex (NZ) Ltd that supplies of its clarithromycin 500 mg tablets (Apo-Clarithromycin) have been delayed. Consequently, PHARMAC has delayed the reference pricing of the Klamycin brand of clarithromycin 500 mg tablets from 1 January 2012 to 1 March 2012 and the delisting of Klamycin from 1 April 2012 until 1 June 2012.

Hospital Sole Supply status for clarithromycin 500 mg tablets (Apo-Clarithromycin) has been deferred from 1 January 2012 to 1 April 2012.

Please note:

- We understand from Mylan New Zealand Ltd that there is sufficient stock of Klamycin to supply the market until Apo-Clarithromycin becomes available.

Thank you for your co-operation. We hope that this will assist in your patient management. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday).

Yours sincerely



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