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To whom it may concern

Re proposal: To list paediatric oral/enteral feed 1kcal/ml (Infatrini) 125ml bottle in Section D and amend Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 February 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and provide feedback on the proposal to fund Infatrini; a high energy and nutrient dense, nutritionally complete, ready to feed infant formula. Manufacturer and Distributor - Nutricia Ltd.

Dietitians are registered health professionals who meet standards required by the New Zealand Dietitians Board under the Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act (HPCA) 2003. In New Zealand, by law, dietitians must be registered with the Dietitians Board and hold a current practising certificate, work within a specified scope of practice, participate in a continuing competency programme, and adhere to a Code of Ethics.

Dietitians New Zealand Incorporated (Dietitians NZ) is the professional association of registered dietitians and associated nutritional professionals. With a membership of approximately 640, we represent the largest group of fully trained food and nutrition professionals in New Zealand. Dietitians NZ exists to build a strong and sustainable profession that empowers New Zealanders around food and nutrition; and inspire change to enhance the health and wellbeing of Aotearoa, New Zealand. We trust the comments made in our submission will be given due consideration.

Dietitians NZ Paediatric Special Interest Group (SIG) members support the listing of Infatrini in Section D of the Pharmaceutical Schedule (community) and amending part II of section H (Hospital Medicine List) to reflect the recent change in bottle unit size now 125ml previously 100ml for patients.

Infatrini is suitable for infants who are fluid restricted and also for those with poor oral intake with faltering growth who have increased nutrition requirements. Infatrini is suitable as both an oral formula and administration via nasogastric, gastrostomy or jejunostomy tube. Infatrini is suitable for use from birth to 18 months or 8kg in weight.

Dietitians NZ Paediatric SIG support:

1. the two patient groups with faltering growth that would be eligible for funded treatment via the PHARMAC proposed Special Authority
 - *Fluid restricted patients* - those that due to co-morbidities, are restricted in their permitted fluid volume per day

And

- *Volume intolerant patients* - those who are unable to tolerate an adequate volume of infant formula to maintain growth.
2. the Special Authority for Subsidy – Hospital Pharmacy [HP3] approvals for 12 months and renewal approval valid for 6 months

Dietitians NZ Paediatric SIG does not support the statement (pg1-2) of Proposal to fund paediatric oral/enteral feed (Infatrini) 8 November 2017:

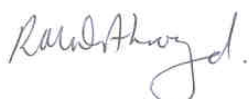
“‘Volume intolerant’ patients are those that are unable to tolerate an adequate volume of infant formula to maintain weight. These patients should have first trialled all funded alternative treatments including concentrating, fortifying and adjusting frequently of feeding”

Dietitians NZ Paediatric SIG recommend this be reworded:

‘Volume intolerant’ patients are those that are unable to tolerate an adequate volume of infant formula to maintain weight. These patients should have first trialled appropriate clinical alternative treatments such concentrating, fortifying and adjusting frequently of feeding.

Dietitians NZ Paediatric SIG looks forward with optimism to Infatrini being listed in Section D and amended part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 February 2018

Yours faithfully



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