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FEBRUARY 2010 PROSTHESES LIST – APPLICATION FORMS

PROSTHESES APPLICATIONS

The forms to apply to list prostheses and human tissue prostheses on the February 2010 Prostheses List are now available at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-prostheseslist.htm>

APPLICATIONS OPENING AND CLOSING DATES

Applications to list a product on Part A or Part B of the Prostheses List, amendments and applications to compress or expand existing billing codes will be accepted from **27 July 2009**, and will close at **12 noon, Tuesday 11 August 2009**. Applications received after this time will not be processed.

Applications to delete, transfer and duplicate billing codes as well as amendments not requiring clinical assessment can be submitted up to **20 November 2009**.

PROVISION OF ARTG CERTIFICATE

Products should be included on the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) by the closing date for applications - **12 noon, Tuesday 11 August 2009**.

A Prostheses List application to list a product not yet listed on the ARTG may be submitted, provided an application for ARTG listing has been made by the closing date for Prostheses List applications. Please note that sponsors are responsible for ensuring their products are included on the ARTG, and also for informing the Prostheses Section of this inclusion by the ARTG cut-off date of **Tuesday 22 September 2009**.

GUIDE

The new *Prostheses List guide to listing and setting benefits for prostheses* (the Guide) is also available. The Guide is in two parts:

- Part 1 – Understanding the Prostheses Arrangements; and
- Part 2 – Making an application for inclusion in the Prostheses List.

This Guide includes policy decisions articulated by the Prostheses and Devices Committee (PDC) in PDC Bulletins - where the Bulletin contains policy or procedural information.

All sponsors are encouraged to use the Guide. Note that the Guide does not address the requirements for human tissue items.

KEY DATES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2010 PROSTHESES CYCLE

The following are the key dates for the February 2010 cycle:

15/16 & 31 July 2009	Prostheses List Application Workshops conducted
27 July 2009	Applications to apply to list prostheses and human tissue, amendment applications and applications for expansion and compression (requiring clinical assessment and/or benefit negotiation) accepted
11 August 2009	Applications close – including amendment applications and applications for expansion and Compressions
22 September 2009	ARTG cut-off date
20 November 2009	Close date for deletions, transfers, duplications and amendments not requiring clinical assessment
Mid January 2010	Invoices for initial listing fees sent to sponsors
8 February 2010	February 2010 Prostheses List scheduled to be published
22 February 2010	February 2010 Prostheses List scheduled to commence

ENQUIRIES

If you have any enquiries about the application forms or the applications process, please contact the Prostheses Section, Department of Health and Ageing, on or (02) 6289 9463.

If you require further information please telephone: (02) 6289 9853/24 hr answering machine or email the enquiry to PrivateHealth@health.gov.au

Internet: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/Publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-providers-circulars.htm>

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