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AUGUST 2010 PROSTHESES LIST – APPLICATION FORMS

PROSTHESES APPLICATIONS

The forms to apply to list prostheses and human tissue prostheses on the August 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 **5 February 2010**, and will close at **12 noon, Friday 19 February 2010**. 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 **25 June 2010**.

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, Friday 19 February 2010**.

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 **1 April 2010**.

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 AUGUST 2010 PROSTHESES CYCLE

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

5 February 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
19 February 2010	Applications close – including amendment applications and applications for expansion and Compressions
15 March 2010	Ongoing listing fee invoices sent
12 April 2010	Ongoing listing fees due
1 April 2010	ARTG cut-off date
25 June 2010	Close date for deletions, transfers, duplications and amendments not requiring clinical assessment
Early July 2010	Invoices for initial listing fees sent to sponsors
30 July 2010	August 2010 Prostheses List scheduled to be published
14 August 2010	August 2010 Prostheses List scheduled to commence

Application Workshops are tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

Melbourne	19 January 2010
Sydney	20 January 2010
Brisbane	21 January 2010

Dates and venues are to be confirmed.

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 (02) 6289 9463 or via email prostheses@health.gov.au.

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-phicirculars2009-index1>

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