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Dear Member

As you may be aware, one of the benefits of Membership with Forward Ability Support is access to Pharmaceuticals Benefits Schedule (PBS) funded bowel preparations (i.e no product cost) for those members with paraplegia or quadriplegia.

We would like to bring to your attention an important update regarding the availability of BISALAX, bisacodyl 10mg/5ml enema, 25 x 5ml on the PBS, in case this affects what products you order in the future.

BrightSky Australia, the social enterprise of Forward Ability Australia, have been informed by the manufacturer, Orion Pharmaceuticals, that they have decided to withdraw BISALAX, bisacodyl 10mg/5ml enema, 25 x 5ml from PBS, effective from 1 June 2024. Please see attached communication sent to BrightSky Australia from Orion Pharmaceuticals and *PBS Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme changes effective 1 May 2024*¹ as advance notice of the deletion of this product from the PBS for reference only.

Whilst this product will be removed from the PBS, Orion Pharmaceuticals has advised BrightSky Australia that Bisalax Enema 10mg 5mL 25 pack (BrightSky Australia Code 208605) will still be available to purchase.

If you have Bisalax Enema 10mg 5mL 25 pack as a standing order with BrightSky Australia (BrightSky Australia Code PBS001), please note that from 31 May 2024, this product will be removed from standing orders with BrightSky Australia.

Please note that whilst this product is still available to purchase, we encourage you to seek advice from your health care professional about suitable alternative products listed under the PBS Scheme that are available from BrightSky Australia.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to reach out to BrightSky Australia Customer Support on 1300 88 66 01 for any further information.

Kind regards



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¹ <https://www.pbs.gov.au/publication/schedule/2024/05/2024-05-01-general-soc.pdf>

