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PHARMAC

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Tēnā koe

Proposal to list medical devices supplied by Culpán Distributors Limited

Tōpūtanga Tapuhi Kaitiaki o Aotearoa, New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on a proposal to list a range of medical devices supplied by Colpan Distributors Limited.

NZNO is the leading professional nursing association and union for nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand, representing 51,000 nurses, midwives, students, kaimahi hauora and health workers on professional and employment matters. NZNO embraces te Tiriti o Waitangi and contributes to the improvements of the health status and outcomes of all people of Aotearoa New Zealand through influencing health, employment and social policy development.

We share the intent of the Ministry of Health's definition of equity which equally applies to NZNO work across professional, industrial and members' activities.

NZNO supports PHARMAC's proposal to list 13 non-dedicated and consumable infusion devices under the Bellovac brand; and 18 products in the category of surgical drapes, gown and procedure packs, under the Civco Envision Intuit brand.

We endorse the agreement that this would not be for sole supply and DHBs could continue to purchase other suppliers' brands of these products.

With the introduction of new medical devices and surgical products NZNO has an expectation that those using the devices and surgical products will be offered training and support to use them appropriately.

Nāku noa nā



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