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Dear Caroline

Proposal to list Sodium Phenylbutyrate

On behalf of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Special Interest Group of the NZ Paediatric Society, we would like to support PHARMAC in listing sodium phenylbutyrate (Phenburane) granules.

We support the special authority criteria and would envisage only a few children requiring this product. Currently patients have Named Patient Pharmaceutical Assessment (NPPA) approval for sodium phenylbutyrate. With this product listed with special authority criteria, the advantage is that it will be easier to have timely prescribing of an appropriate product and approval of this for our paediatric population.

Yours sincerely

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