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National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) Product Supply Update to NADC

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Overview

- Update regarding activities in the NDSS program:
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) for supply of certain NDSS products on NDSS Product Schedule
 - Flash Glucose Monitoring
 - Continuous Glucose Monitoring



Background to the RFP

- Number of changes to NDSS:
 - Delisting of blood glucose test strips (BGTS) from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
 - Restrictions to subsidised access of BGTS under the NDSS
 - Distribution of NDSS products via the pharmaceutical wholesalers
 - Access to NDSS products through NDSS Access Points (primarily community pharmacy)
- MYEFO 2015-16: Efficiencies through NDSS Product Sourcing/Purchasing



Background to the RFP

- Government wants to achieve efficiencies for the NDSS to ensure sustainability
- The product categories that are the subject of the RFP process:
 - blood glucose test strips
 - syringes
 - urinary ketone test strips
- Other NDSS Products not affected by this process
- Intent to minimise the impact on registrants



RFP Activities

- **Indicative Timeframes**
 - Currently in open submission period – Closes 7 November 2017
 - Expected announcement of RFP outcome – February 2018
 - Revised NDSS Product Schedule commences 1 July 2018
- More information on Department of Health's NDSS webpage, and AusTender listing for RFP (Health/17-18/03426-2)



Post-RFP Activities

- A comprehensive communication strategy will be implemented
- Extensive communication with NDSS registrants and key stakeholders
- Activities with stakeholders to ensure seamless transition for NDSS registrants, including those who may need to switch products



Other NDSS Product matters

- **Flash Glucose Monitoring evaluation**
 - Evaluation ongoing – expecting finalisation end of this year
- **Continuous Glucose Monitoring Initiative**
 - Thank you to all involved
 - Strong response - more than 6,600 Registrants authorised for access
 - More than 80% are new users
 - The outcomes of the CGM initiative will be monitored and evaluated