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Christine Chapman
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Sent via e-mail to: Christine.Chapman@pharmac.govt.nz

Dear Christine

RE: PROPOSAL FOR SOLE SUPPLY OF RESPIRATORY DEVICES (PEAK FLOW METERS, SPACER DEVICES, PAEDIATRIC MASKS)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the above proposals.

The Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand (Inc) (the Guild) is a national membership organisation representing community pharmacy owners. We provide leadership on all issues affecting the sector and advocate for the business interests of community pharmacy.

While the Guild is not opposed to the general proposal, we are concerned about the very short implementation timeframe. Feedback on the proposal closes on 2 November 2011, with the changes proposed to take effect from 1 December 2011. Community pharmacies will require a longer period in which to dispense current stock on hand before switching to the proposed brands outlined in the consultation document. The Guild recommends therefore that there be a cross over of subsidy for the Foremount Child's Silicone Mask and the Airflow Space Chamber brands in addition to the proposed subsidy of the Space Chamber Plus and EZ-fit Paediatric Mask.

Thank you for taking the time to read our feedback. If you have any questions about our feedback, please contact Guild Policy Advisor, Jasmine Freemantle, at jasmine.freemantle@pgnz.org.nz or 04 802 8205.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annabel Young", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annabel Young
Chief Executive