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AMENDMENTS TO OCTOBER 2005 PROSTHESES LIST

The delegate of the Minister for Health and Ageing has made a determination to amend the October 2005 Prosthesis List released on 21 October 2005.

The amendments are described in the amending determination and the explanatory statement, which are attached to this Circular.

Circular PHI 62/05 explained that some products that were included on the August 2005 Schedule 5 were not included on the Prosthesis List that was released on 21 October 2005. The spreadsheet that was attached to Circular PHI 62/05 has been revised to indicate the products that have now been added to the Prosthesis List by the amending determination. These products are identified in the spreadsheet by "ANOV".

Health funds are not precluded from paying benefits for products that are not listed on the Prosthesis List. Payment of benefits for these items is a matter for the health fund to determine.

A revised Prosthesis List database incorporating these changes is also attached to this circular at the Department of Health and Ageing website. The database is provided in Access 2003 and Access 97 versions.

Any queries regarding the amending determination should be directed to the Prostheses@health.gov.au electronic mailbox.

February 2006 Prosthesis List

The next Prosthesis List will be issued on Tuesday 28 February 2006.

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