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British healthcare reform:

New consultations issued today

The UK Department of Health has today issued a new consultation on proposed changes to reimbursement prices for stoma and incontinence appliances listed on Part IX of the Drug Tariff. The Department also proposes changes to the system for the remuneration of related services.

The publication is the seventh consultation in a review, which has lasted several years and with which Coloplast has engaged in full. Coloplast has, along with patients and industry representatives, highlighted serious concerns over the impact of earlier proposals on patient access to products and services. The Department announced in March this year that further consultation was necessary before a decision could be made.

Responses to the new consultation on proposed changes must be submitted to the Department of Health no later than 9th September 2008.

Any changes to Part IX, that will be decided after this round of hearings, will come into force no earlier than six month after such an announcement.

Coloplast will be assessing the impact of these latest proposals and be submitting a full response to the Department.

The Department of Health consultation document is available at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_085247

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