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This application form will allow a person to apply for the Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS).

The CAPS application form has three sections:

Section 1 – Applicant Details – **Mandatory**

Section 2 – Representative Details – If required

Section 3 – Health Report – **Mandatory**

Important information

You must read the information below and the CAPS application guidelines before completing this form.

Who can complete this form?

- the **applicant**

The following people can complete and sign this form on behalf of the applicant:

- a **parent**, if the applicant is under 14 years of age, or the applicant is at least 14 years but has not turned 18 years of age and does not have the capacity to act on their own behalf. Note: Unless contrary information is provided, the custodial parent of an applicant under 14 is to complete this form and receive correspondence and the payment on the applicant's behalf
- a **legal representative**, including a person nominated under a Power of Attorney, an appointed legal Guardian or a Public Trustee, with authority to act on the applicant's behalf.

If the applicant is unable to act on their own behalf because of a physical or mental impairment and has no legal representative authorised to act on their behalf, then the following persons can act on behalf of the applicant:

- an applicant's **Centrelink Correspondence Nominee**, as recognised by Centrelink for the purposes of the Social Security Law
- a **Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Trustee**, as recognised by DVA for the purposes of veterans' entitlements law.

If no other representative exists, then a responsible person, who has been approved by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing (Department), in writing, may act on the applicant's behalf.

To request responsible person status write to:

The Secretary
Department of Health and Ageing
Continence Program Section
MDP 650
GPO Box 9848
Canberra ACT 2601

Who can receive payments?

CAPS payments can be made to one of the following:

- the **applicant**
- a **parent**, if the applicant is under 14 years of age, or the applicant is at least 14 years but has not turned 18 years of age and does not have the capacity to act on their own behalf. Note: Unless contrary information is provided, the custodial parent of an applicant under 14 is to receive the payment on the applicant's behalf
- a **legal representative**, including a person nominated under a Power of Attorney, an appointed legal guardian or a Public Trustee, with authority to receive payments on the applicant's behalf
- an applicant's **Centrelink Payment Nominee**, as recognised by Centrelink for the purposes of the Social Security Law
- a **DVA Trustee**, as recognised by DVA for the purposes of veterans' entitlements law
- a **DVA Agent** as recognised by DVA for the purposes of veterans' entitlements law
- a **responsible person** who has been approved by the Secretary of the Department, in writing, to receive a CAPS payment on an applicant's behalf
- an **organisation** (other than a legal representative) that agrees to assist with the purchase of continence or continence related products for an applicant.

Payments to organisations

If an organisation agrees to receive CAPS payments as an agent of an applicant, then the organisation must complete the *Organisation authorised as payment recipient* section of this form. Any person authorised to complete this form may authorise the payment be directed to an organisation.

Obligations of payment recipients

A person or an organisation that receives a payment as an agent of an applicant must:

- ensure the CAPS payment is used exclusively for the benefit of the applicant; and
- ensure the CAPS payment is used solely for the purpose of purchasing continence and continence related products.

Medicare records

A Centrelink Correspondence Nominee, a DVA Trustee or a responsible person authorised by the Secretary of the Department is able to update information about the applicant for the purposes of CAPS and provide bank details for CAPS payments. However, they are not able to update the applicant's Medicare record, including bank account details used by Medicare Australia to make Medicare payments, or update the address details used by Medicare Australia for Medicare-related purposes.

Privacy and your personal information

Personal information is protected by law, including by the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The information provided on this application will be stored and used by Medicare Australia for the purposes of making payments and issuing correspondence for the CAPS program.

This information may also be used to update the applicant's existing personal information held by Medicare Australia.

The collection of this information is authorised by the *Medicare Australia Act 1973*.

The information may be disclosed to person/s or organisations authorised to receive payments and/or correspondence on behalf of the applicant, relevant financial institutions to facilitate payment, the Department of Health and Ageing, other relevant government agencies or as authorised or required by law.

Change of circumstances

Medicare Australia must be notified if a CAPS participant ceases to be eligible for the CAPS payments. Medicare Australia must also be notified if a CAPS participant's, or their representative's, circumstances change. You can do this by calling Medicare Australia on **132 011** select Option 1 (call charges may apply) between 9:00am and 5:00pm AEST.

Assistance

If you need assistance completing this form call Medicare Australia on **132 011, select Option 1**. For more information about the CAPS call the Department on **1800 807 487** or go to **www.bladderbowel.gov.au**.

Lodgement

Send the completed form to:

Continence Aids Payment Scheme
Medicare Australia
GPO Box 9822
Sydney NSW 2001

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Tick where applicable ☑

ELIGIBILITY GUIDE

To be eligible for the CAPS an applicant must be five years of age or older and meet one of the following requirements:

A have permanent and severe loss of bladder and/or bowel function (incontinence) due directly to **an eligible neurological condition**; OR

B have permanent and severe loss of bladder and/or bowel function (incontinence) caused by **an eligible other condition**, provided the applicant has a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or entitlement, whether as primary cardholder or a dependant of a cardholder.

Responses to the five questions below will further indicate whether the applicant is eligible for the CAPS. Please refer to CAPS application guidelines. **The following questions must be answered**.

E1 Is the applicant an Australian Citizen?

Yes ☐ No ☐

E2 Is the applicant a permanent Australian resident?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the answer is **No** to both **E1** and **E2**, then the applicant is not eligible for assistance from CAPS. Refer to CAPS application guidelines.

E3 Is the applicant a permanent high care resident in an Australian Government funded aged care home?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the answer is **Yes**, then the applicant is not eligible for assistance from CAPS. Refer to CAPS application guidelines.

E4 Does the applicant receive an Australian Government funded Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) or EACH Dementia (EACHD) package *and* continence products are negotiated as part of the applicant's care plan?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the answer is **Yes**, then the applicant is not eligible for assistance from CAPS. Refer to CAPS application guidelines.

E5 Is the applicant eligible to receive assistance with continence products from the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Appliance Program (RAP)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the answer is **Yes**, then the applicant is not eligible for assistance from CAPS. Refer to CAPS application guidelines.

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant Details

A1 Medicare card number

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Ref No. ☐

A2 Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐

Family name (as recorded on the Medicare card)

First given name

A3 Date of birth

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A4 Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

A5 Home phone number

( )

Work phone number (optional)

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Mobile phone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

@

A6 Applicant's address

State Postcode

Medicare Australia may update the applicant's Medicare address if the person signing the declaration on this form is the applicant, the applicant's parent or the applicant's legal representative. Updating the Medicare card address will update the address of all persons listed on the Medicare card.

A7 Who will be signing the applicant declaration or representative declaration section of this form (see A23/R13)? **(see Who can complete this form? on page 1)**

- ☐ Applicant **Go to A8**
- ☐ Applicant's parent **Go to A8**
- ☐ Applicant's legal representative **Go to A8**
- ☐ Other **Go to A9**

A8 Do you want the applicant's Medicare card address to be updated with the address provided at question A6?

Yes ☐ No ☐

A9 Is the applicant of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or South Sea Islander origin?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes – Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes – Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes – Australian South Sea Islander

A10 Where was the applicant born?

- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Other – Specify country:

A11 Does the applicant have a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), or is the applicant listed as a dependent on their parent or guardian's PCC?

Yes ☐ **Go to A12**

No ☐ **Go to A13**

A12 Applicant's CRN (Customer Reference Number) as recorded on the PCC.

CRN: ☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐ – ☐

A13 Does the applicant receive assistance from any of the following?

- ☐ Community Aged Care Package
- ☐ Low level Australian Government funded aged care home
- ☐ Home and Community Care Program
- ☐ National Respite for Carers Program

Correspondence recipient

CAPS correspondence may be directed to a person other than the applicant, including to a family member or carer of the applicant. A correspondence recipient will receive all of the applicant's CAPS correspondence, including the payment statement. If the applicant has a payment representative the payment representative will also receive a payment statement.

A14 Is a person other than the applicant to receive the correspondence?

Yes ☐ **Go to A15**

No ☐ **Go to A19**

A15 Who is to receive the CAPS correspondence on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant under 14 years of age)
- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant 14 to 17 years of age)
- ☐ Person appointed under a Power of Attorney

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☐ Person appointed under an Enduring Power of Attorney

☐ Appointed legal guardian

☐ Centrelink Correspondence or Payment Nominee

☐ DVA Trustee or Agent

☐ Responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department to act on the applicant's behalf

☐ Other – If other, specify:

A16 Family name of correspondence recipient

First given name of correspondence recipient

A17 Correspondence recipient's address

State Postcode

A18 Correspondence recipient's daytime contact number

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Payment Details

A19 CAPS payments can be received annually in July or half yearly in July and January. Tick one of the payment options below:

☐ Full payment in July

☐ Half payments in July and January

A20 Is a representative or an organisation that is able to assist with the purchase of continence products to receive the CAPS payment on behalf of the applicant?

Yes ☐ **Go to A22**

No ☐ **Go to A21**

A21 Applicant's nominated bank account details

Medicare Australia will update the applicant's bank account details on Medicare records with the bank details provided below if the person signing the **Applicant's declaration (A23) or the Representative's declaration (R13)** sections of this form is the applicant or the applicant's parent, legal guardian or a Power of Attorney.

The account recorded must be an Australian bank account.

Payments cannot be made into credit cards, loan or mortgage accounts.

Name of applicant's nominated bank, building society or credit union

Branch where the account is held

Branch number (BSB)

☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐

Account number

Account held in the name(s) of

A22 Is a person other than the applicant signing the declaration on this form?

Yes ☐ **Go to Section 2** – Representative details.

No ☐ **Go to A23**

A23 Applicant's declaration

I am the Applicant and I declare that:

- I have read the CAPS application guidelines;
- the information on this form is true and correct;
- I will inform Medicare Australia without delay of any changes to the information provided in this form.

I acknowledge:

- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and may lead to prosecution under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*;
- I may be asked to confirm my eligibility for CAPS payments;
- the CAPS payment provided is for the purchase of continence products.

Signature

Date

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A24 Is the CAPS payment to be made directly to an organisation or a representative?

No ☐ The applicant does not need to complete any further questions – the Health Report – **Section 3** is to be completed by a Health Professional.

Yes ☐ **Go to Section 2** – Representative details for a representative or R15 to direct payment to an organisation.

NOTE: In all circumstances, for an applicant to be assessed as eligible a Health Professional is required to complete **Section 3** – the Health Report of this form. Please ensure the Health Professional has completed and signed **Section 3** before returning this application to Medicare Australia.

SECTION 2 – REPRESENTATIVE DETAILS

This section must be completed where either:

a) a person other than the applicant is to sign the *Representative's declaration* section of this form (see *Who can complete this form?* on page 1); or

b) a person other then the applicant is to receive a CAPS payment (see *Who can receive payments?* on page 1).

Documentary evidence of that person's authority to act on behalf of the applicant/receive a payment on behalf of the applicant must be provided with this form.

Documentary evidence includes:

For a parent of an applicant:

- Signing of the declaration section of this form (for a child under 14 years of age or for a child 14 – 17 years if they do not have the capacity to act on their own behalf.)

For a legal representative:

- Guardianship papers;
- Power of Attorney or Enduring Power of Attorney documents;
- Court appointment documents; or
- Other legal documentation, as applicable.

Certified copies of legal documents are to be provided. Do not send original documents. A certified copy is a copy of an original document that has been certified as a true and correct copy by a person authorised to witness a statutory declaration, for example a medical practitioner, a pharmacist or a public servant.

For a Centrelink Payment Nominee, documents (valid within the last 12 months) which prove your nominee status, for example:

- a Centrelink Nominee Appointment letter.

For a Centrelink Correspondence Nominee, documents (valid within the last 12 months) which prove your nominee status, for example:

- Centrelink Payment Summary or Centrelink Account Statement that displays the name and address of the nominee and the name of the applicant;
- a Centrelink Nominee Appointment letter.

For a DVA Trustee or Agent:

- a DVA appointment of Trustee or Agent document.

Copies of original documents from Centrelink and DVA can be provided, however if they are copies they need to be certified.

For a responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department:

- evidence of the Secretary of the Department's written approval of the person as a responsible person for the applicant.

The representative should advise Medicare Australia if they no longer have authority to act on behalf of the applicant. An applicant can advise Medicare Australia at any time if they wish to terminate their representative's authority to act on their behalf (other than a legal representative).

R1 What authorised actions will the representative be undertaking on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Signing the form only **Go to R8**
- ☐ Receiving the CAPS payment only **Go to R2**
- ☐ Signing & directing the CAPS payment to an organisation **Go to R8**
- ☐ Signing & receiving the CAPS payment **Go to R2**

NOTE: If the payment representative and the signing form representative are different people, the payment representative is to complete the details in **R2 to R7** and the signing form representative is to complete **R8 to R12**.

Representative receiving payment *or* receiving payment and signing form on behalf of the applicant

R2 What is the relationship of the representative receiving the payment or receiving payment and signing form, to the applicant?

- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant under 14 years of age)
- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant 14 to 17 years of age)
- ☐ Person appointed under a Power of Attorney
- ☐ Person appointed under an Enduring Power of Attorney
- ☐ Appointed legal guardian
- ☐ Other legal representative, specify

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- ☐ Centrelink Correspondence Nominee (may sign form)
- ☐ Centrelink Payment Nominee (may receive payments only)
- ☐ DVA Trustee (may sign form and receive payments)
- ☐ DVA Agent (may receive payments only)
- ☐ Responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department to act on the applicant's behalf (may sign form and/or receive payments)
- ☐ Responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department to receive payments on applicant's behalf (may receive payments only)

R3 Organisation name (only if required), for example if representative is a Public Trustee or a disability facility.

Name of contact person in organisation

Contact person's position

R4 Family name of representative

First given name of representative

R5 Address

State Postcode

R6 Daytime phone number

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Representative's bank account details

R7 Name of bank, building society or credit union

Branch where the account is held

Branch number (BSB)

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Account number

Account held in the name(s) of

NOTE: If a representative is not signing the declaration on behalf of the applicant there are no further questions. **Section 3** – the Health Report needs to be completed by a Health Professional.

Representative signing form ONLY

R8 What is the relationship of the representative signing the form to the applicant?

- Applicant's parent (applicant under 14 years of age)
- Applicant's parent (applicant 14 to 17 years of age)
- Person appointed under a Power of Attorney
- Person appointed under an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Appointed legal guardian
- Other legal representative, specify
- Centrelink Correspondence Nominee
- DVA Trustee
- Responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department to act on the applicant's behalf

R9 Organisation name (if required), for example if representative is a Public Trustee or a disability facility.

Name of contact person in organisation

Contact person's position

R10 Family name of representative

First given name of representative

R11 Address

State Postcode

R12 Daytime phone number

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Representative's declaration

R13 I am the:

- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant under 14 years of age)
- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant 14 to 17 years of age and does not have the capacity to act on their own behalf)
- ☐ Person appointed under a Power of Attorney
- ☐ Person appointed under an Enduring Power of Attorney
- ☐ Applicant's appointed legal guardian
- ☐ Applicant's other legal representative, specify

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- ☐ Applicant's Centrelink Correspondence Nominee (applicant unable to act on own behalf due to a physical or mental impairment)
- ☐ Applicant's DVA Trustee (applicant unable to act on own behalf due to a physical or mental impairment)
- ☐ Responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department to act on the applicant's behalf

I declare that:

- I have read the CAPS application guidelines;
- the information on this form is true and correct;
- I will inform Medicare Australia without delay of any changes to the information provided in this form; and

I acknowledge:

- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and may lead to prosecution under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*;
- I may be asked to confirm the applicant's eligibility for CAPS payments;
- the CAPS payment provided is for the purchase of continence products for the applicant.

Signature

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Date

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R14 Do you wish the CAPS payment to be made directly to an organisation?

Yes ☐ **Go to R15**

No ☐ You do not need to complete any further questions – the Health Report – **Section 3** is to be completed by a Health Professional.

R15 Authorising payment to an organisation

If an organisation agrees to receive the CAPS payments on behalf of an applicant, the organisation must complete the *Organisation authorised as payment recipient* section (see page 8) of this form.

I am the:

- ☐ Applicant
- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant under 14 years of age)
- ☐ Applicant's parent (applicant 14 to 17 years of age)
- ☐ Person appointed under a Power of Attorney
- ☐ Person appointed under an Enduring Power of Attorney
- ☐ Applicant's appointed legal guardian
- ☐ Applicant's other legal representative, specify

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- ☐ Applicant's Centrelink Correspondence Nominee
- ☐ Applicant's DVA Trustee
- ☐ Responsible person approved by the Secretary of the Department to act on the applicant's behalf

I authorise the CAPS payment to be paid to the following organisation:

Organisation name

☐

Organisation's Australian Business Number (ABN)

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Signature

☐

Date

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NOTE: In all circumstances, for an applicant to be assessed as eligible a Health Professional is required to complete **Section 3** – the Health Report of this form. Please ensure the Health Professional has completed and signed **Section 3** before returning this application to Medicare Australia.

Organisation authorised as payment recipient

If an organisation agrees to receive CAPS payments on behalf of an applicant, the organisation must complete this section of the form.

Organisation details

R16 Organisation name

R17 Organisation's Australian Business Number (ABN)

R18 Name of organisation's authorised representative

R19 Position of organisation's authorised representative

R20 Contact number

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R21 Organisation's business address

State Postcode

R22 Organisation's postal address

State Postcode

Organisation's bank account

CAPS payments will be made to this bank account. The account recorded must be an Australian bank account. Payments cannot be made into credit cards, loan or mortgage accounts.

R23 Name of bank, building society or credit union

Branch where account is held

Branch number (BSB)

Account number

Account name

Organisation's declaration

R24 I declare that:

- I am an authorised representative of the organisation identified at Question R18;
- as the representative of the organisation, I am authorised to bind the organisation;
- the information on this form is true and correct;
- the organisation will inform Medicare Australia without delay of any changes to the information provided in this form.

The organisation will:

- ensure the CAPS payment is used exclusively for the benefit of:

Applicant's name

Applicant's date of birth

- ensure the CAPS payment is used for the purchase of appropriate continence products or continence related products for the applicant;
- keep a record of all CAPS payments received;
- keep records of continence and continence related aids purchased using a CAPS payment (or a portion of a CAPS payment);
- return any unused CAPS payments to the applicant, or the applicant's estate, if advised that the applicant has died, is not eligible or is no longer eligible or the applicant or their representative terminates the payment arrangement with the organisation.

I acknowledge:

- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and may lead to prosecution under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

Signature

Date

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dd mm yyyy

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NOTE: The organisation should check that the Health Report – **Section 3** has been completed before forwarding the application to Medicare Australia.

SECTION 3 – HEALTH REPORT

Instructions for Health Professional

Please ensure you have read the CAPS application guidelines.

You should only complete this Health Report if you are in a position to make an accurate assessment of the applicant in relation to their incontinence and its cause.

If in doubt, check the website **www.bladderbowel.gov.au** or contact the Department of Health and Ageing for advice.

H1 Name of the applicant

Applicant's Date of Birth

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dd mm yyyy

H2 Do you have a Medicare Approved Provider Number?

No ☐

Yes ☐ What is your Approved Provider Number?

H3 Health Professional's Family Name

Given Names

H4 Health Professional's contact details

Phone Number

( )

Mobile Phone Number

Fax Number

( )

Email address

@

Business or Employer's Business Name

Work Address

State Postcode

H5 To which health profession do you belong?

☐ Continence Nurse

☐ General Practitioner

☐ Medical Specialist

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☐ Community Nurse

☐ Physiotherapist

☐ Occupational Therapist

☐ Registered Nurse

☐ Aboriginal Health Worker

☐ Other (specify)

H6 Are you in a position to make an accurate continence assessment of the applicant?

Yes ☐ No ☐

H7 Are you aware of a continence management plan for the applicant or can you refer the applicant for a continence management plan?

Yes ☐ No ☐

H8 Does the applicant have *permanent and severe* incontinence caused by an eligible *Neurological* condition?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Specify Neurological condition

H9 Does the applicant have *permanent and severe* incontinence caused by an eligible *other condition* and the applicant has a valid Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) entitlement or is a listed as a dependant.

No ☐

Yes ☐ Specify other condition

If the answer to both **H8 and H9** is **No** please refer to CAPS application guidelines as applicant is not eligible.

H10 Does the applicant have permanent and severe loss of bladder function?

Yes ☐ No ☐

H11 Does the applicant have permanent and severe loss of bowel function?

Yes ☐ No ☐

H12 Health Professional Declaration

I declare:

- I have assessed the applicant identified at **H1 and A2**: and
- to the best of my knowledge the information provided in this Health report is true and correct.

Signature

Date

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dd mm yyyy

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TEAR OFF SECTION – Health Professional to complete and give to applicant

Applicant's Name

What continence products are recommended for the applicant?

Product	✓	**Type/Size**
Disposable pads		
Disposable pants		
Disposable nappies		
Reusable pads		
Reusable pants		
Sheaths/Uridomes		
Urinary catheters and catheter accessories		
Urinary drainage bags		
Absorbent bedpads and chairpads		
Urinals		
Other (please describe)		

Additional Continence Product comments

Recommended reassessment or review date?

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Program Details/Support/Contacts

Health Professional's Contact details