

12.07 Correspondence from Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, regarding prescribing of anakinra (Kineret®) for the treatment of cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes

1 PBAC Consideration

- 1.1 The PBAC noted the correspondence from Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, regarding prescribing of anakinra (Kineret®) for the treatment of cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS)
- 1.2 The PBAC recalled that anakinra was recommended for the treatment for CAPS at the November 2014 PBAC meeting and was listed on 1 June 2015.
- 1.3 The PBAC noted the nationwide survey of Adult and Paediatric Immunologists/Rheumatologists/Dermatologists, asking clinicians whether they were currently managing patients with CAPS. The study reported that an immunologist was the primary carer for 8 of 18 patients.
- 1.4 The PBAC recommended that the treatment criteria change to: Must be treated by a rheumatologist or in consultation with a rheumatologist OR Must be treated by a clinical immunologist or in consultation with a clinical immunologist. The PBAC noted that this change would provide easier patient access to treatment.
- 1.5 The PBAC recalled that in view of the complexity and rarity of CAPS as a medical condition, the PBAC noted in November 2014 that CAPS would be mainly managed in tertiary health settings, and considered that this change to the treatment criteria would not have additional financial impact to their consideration of the submission in November 2014.

2 Recommended listing

- 2.1 Amend treatment criteria of existing listing 10264F and 10263E:

Must be treated by a rheumatologist or in consultation with a rheumatologist OR Must be treated by a clinical immunologist or in consultation with a clinical immunologist.