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OCTOBER UPDATE

As we draw nearer to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting, we will not be resting on our laurels, but continuing our campaigning as we ramp up our advocacy work to do all that we can to influence a positive outcome for the upcoming November meeting.

We know that early intervention and access to medications can be life changing. This is why we are urging key decision makers to approve the listing of Trikafta on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for children aged 6 to 11 years old. As you will know, from April this year Trikafta has been made available for 12+ year old's with at least one Delta F508 mutation. We still have a long way to go to ensure that everyone in our community has the medication they need, and hopefully we will soon have another leap of progress.

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) has received confirmation from Jo Watson, PBAC Deputy Chair, that there has been strong consumer input towards the upcoming PBAC Agenda item requesting the extension of listing for Trikafta for patients with cystic fibrosis (CF) who are aged between 6 to 11 years. Over 270 consumer comments have been received with the majority from family members and supporters of a child living with CF.

The committee are reviewing these comments over the following weeks and the input will be included along with the sponsor submission, and the work of the PBAC subcommittee discussions, for the upcoming November meeting. CFA will be contacted for any further input as needed over these next few weeks. The Deputy Chair thanked CFA and its members and families for their time and engagement.

Outcomes of the PBAC meeting will be posted on the PBS Website on Friday 16 December 2022. CFA will also be sure to advise our community of the outcomes.

Thank you for your making your voices heard. As your national peak patient body, we are doing all we can to amplify our voices to get the outcomes we need.

We cannot do this alone. We need your support.

Please make sure you are following us on our social media pages and sharing our posts to help increase awareness. As we rely on community fundraising, we also appreciate donations to help fund this critical work.

Please click below to donate. All donations above \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you to everyone who has donated and continues to support the vital work CFA achieves.

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