

Use this checklist to determine if a patient meets the restrictions for funding in the **hospital setting**. For more details, refer to [Section H](#) of the Pharmaceutical Schedule. For community funding, see the [Special Authority Criteria](#).

**PRESCRIBER**

**PATIENT:**

Name: .....

Ward: ..... NHI: .....

**Empagliflozin; Empagliflozin with metformin hydrochloride**

**INITIATION**

**Prerequisites** (tick boxes where appropriate)

- For continuation use
- or
- Patient has previously had an initial approval for a GLP-1 agonist
- or
- Patient has type 2 diabetes
- and
- Patient is Māori or any Pacific ethnicity\*
- or
- Patient has pre-existing cardiovascular disease or risk equivalent (see note a)\*
- or
- Patient has an absolute 5-year cardiovascular disease risk of 15% or greater according to a validated cardiovascular risk assessment calculator\*
- or
- Patient has a high lifetime cardiovascular risk due to being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes during childhood or as a young adult\*
- or
- Patient has diabetic kidney disease (see note b)\*
- and
- Target HbA1c (of 53 mmol/mol or less) has not been achieved despite the regular use of at least one blood-glucose lowering agent (e.g. metformin, vildagliptin, or insulin) for at least 3 months

Note: \* Criteria intended to describe patients at high risk of cardiovascular or renal complications of diabetes.

- a) Pre-existing cardiovascular disease or risk equivalent defined as: prior cardiovascular disease event (i.e. angina, myocardial infarction, percutaneous coronary intervention, coronary artery bypass grafting, transient ischaemic attack, ischaemic stroke, peripheral vascular disease), congestive heart failure or familial hypercholesterolaemia.
- b) Diabetic kidney disease defined as: persistent albuminuria (albumin:creatinine ratio greater than or equal to 3 mg/mmol, in at least two out of three samples over a 3-6 month period) and/or eGFR less than 60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> in the presence of diabetes, without alternative cause.

I confirm that the above details are correct:

Signed: ..... Date: .....