

## Patient Information – December 2019

Dear Patient,

### **RE: SUPPLY OF VYVANSE® (lisdexamfetamine dimesilate) 70mg**

You have been given this letter because you have been prescribed VYVANSE 70mg. It is very important that you read the letter carefully and follow the instructions in order to ensure that you can continue to take your prescribed dose of VYVANSE. If there is anything you don't understand in this letter, please ask your doctor or pharmacist, or contact Shire Medical Information via phone on 1800 012 612 or email: [medinfoAPAC@shire.com](mailto:medinfoAPAC@shire.com)

Shire (a Takeda company), is the manufacturer of VYVANSE. Unfortunately, we have recently experienced a manufacturing interruption which has resulted in a shortage of VYVANSE 70mg in Australia. This means that your pharmacist may not be able to get stock of VYVANSE 70mg to fill your prescription. **We expect a return to normal supply by February 2020.**

### **Please note that this out of stock situation ONLY APPLIES TO THE VYVANSE 70mg STRENGTH.**

To ensure that you can continue your treatment with VYVANSE at the same dose, Shire has made available VYVANSE 40mg and VYVANSE 30mg packs, so that you can take one tablet from each, to equal a total dose of VYVANSE 70mg, until stock of VYVANSE 70mg returns to normal. If you are unable to have your prescription for VYVANSE 70mg filled at your normal pharmacy, you will need to contact your prescribing doctor urgently to obtain new prescriptions for **both** VYVANSE 30mg and VYVANSE 40mg to cover you until VYVANSE 70mg is available again in late February.

**During this shortage, VYVANSE 30mg and VYVANSE 40mg will be made available free of charge to the community pharmacy where you would normally collect your VYVANSE 70mg prescription. Shire will also reimburse the pharmacy dispensing fee to the pharmacy. We expect that your prescriptions for VYVANSE 30mg and VYVANSE 40mg should therefore be free of charge when dispensed together to make up the VYVANSE 70mg dose.**

You should take this letter with you to your pharmacy. When you receive your new prescription from your Pharmacy **you will need to take one 30mg capsule and one 40mg capsule at the same time each day instead of the one 70mg capsule that you normally take.**



**VYVANSE 30mg**  
**1 capsule**

**AND**



**VYVANSE 40mg**  
**1 capsule**

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**VYVANSE 70mg**  
**1 capsule**

Shire apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause and is working to resolve this shortage as a priority. If you have any questions, please contact your doctor or pharmacist, or Shire Medical Information via phone on 1800 012 612 or email: [medinfoAPAC@shire.com](mailto:medinfoAPAC@shire.com).

Yours sincerely,

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Medical Director

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