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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Wound Care Management Products: Changes to Northern Ireland Drug Tariff 1st April 2019

Further to the letter from Department of Health on 4th February 2019, [http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/advise%20of%20changes%20to%20Drug%20Tariff%20and%20Wound%20Care%20products%20\(PDF%20Version\).pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/advise%20of%20changes%20to%20Drug%20Tariff%20and%20Wound%20Care%20products%20(PDF%20Version).pdf) , and the recent MPS 2540 (14th February 2019), BSO are writing to provide information on operational issues in relation to the changes which will occur on 1st April 2019 to Wound Care Management Products.

BSO would like to reiterate that the vast majority of wound care products currently prescribed in primary care will continue to be available for prescribing on HS21 prescriptions from 1st April 2019. This means that any impact on patients will be minimal and stock currently within your pharmacies should continue to be prescribed.

A Northern Ireland Wound Care Formulary is in development (estimated to be finalised over the summer months); however, the implementation of the section of the Northern Ireland Formulary will not be via further amendments to the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff.

Over 1900 new products are being added to section 3 (d) of the Northern Ireland Tariff, which will be renamed "Dressings and Wound Management Dressings". The Northern Ireland Tariff is available at <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2034.htm>

All the newly added wound care products will have codes assigned to them and the Code Book will be populated with these; please note that these new products will be aligned to the **dm+d unit of measure**. **It is vital that the online code-book is referred to when coding these new products, to ensure that the correct unit of measure is being used.**



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There are 13 products from the current Drug Tariff section 3(g) which are currently aligned to the **BSO unit of measure** (these are detailed in the Appendix for your information), the most commonly dispensed being the 3 Cavigon[®] products.

From 1st April 2019, all 6 Cavigon[®] products will no longer be included in Part III (d), (in line with English Drug Tariff), but all will still be allowable on HS21 prescription.

The other 10 products will remain in part 3 (d) and **will be aligned to the dm+d unit of measure (rather than BSO unit of measure)**. This is explained in detail in the Appendix.

(The unit of measure for Cavigon[®] will not change at this time i.e. it will remain as BSO Unit of Measure for the products listed in the Appendix).

The Code Book will clearly indicate how each item should be coded and, as previously stated, we always recommend that the online Code Book is referred to when coding **all** HS21 prescriptions.

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Appendix

Product	<u>Current unit of measure</u>	<u>Unit of measure April 2019 onwards</u>
ActivHeal [®] Hydrogel dressing (Advanced Medical Solutions Ltd) 15 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 15
Activon [®] Medical Grade Manuka Honey dressing (Advancis Medical) 25 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 25
Askina [®] Gel dressing (B.Braun Medical Ltd) 15 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 15
Iodoflex [®] paste dressing (Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd) 10 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 10
Iodoflex [®] paste dressing (Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd) 17 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 17
Iodoflex [®] paste dressing (Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd) 5 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 5
Iodosorb [®] ointment dressing (Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd) 10 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded

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Iodosorb [®] ointment dressing (Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd) 20 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 20
Iodosorb [®] powder dressing sachets (Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd) 3 gram	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 3
Kelo-cote [®] spray (Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd) 100 ml	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	Grams 1 pack coded over 100
Cavilon [®] Durable barrier cream (3M Health Care Ltd) 28 gram 3391G	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	No change currently BSO Unit of Measure = 1
Cavilon [®] Durable barrier cream (3M Health Care Ltd) 92 gram 3392G	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	No change currently BSO Unit of Measure = 1
Cavilon [®] No Sting barrier film pump spray 3346P (3M Health Care Ltd) 28 ml	BSO Unit of Measure = 1	No change currently BSO Unit of Measure = 1