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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Appliances and Drug Tariff

In recent weeks, BSO has received a number of queries regarding K-Y Jelly 82g, removed from the May 2019 Northern Ireland Drug Tariff, as detailed in the Advance Notice (page 7).

http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/MPS_2551_DT_AN.pdf

A number of contractors, who have dispensed this product in May, have had their prescriptions returned, disallowed, as this appliance is not listed in the May Tariff.

Confusion has arisen as this item did appear in the May 2019 Code Book; the Code Book for each month is produced at the end of the preceding month and is as up to date as possible. However, the Code Book should **not** be used as your primary source to determine if an item is allowable.

We would like to remind all contractors that when dispensing any appliance that you should **always** check to ensure that the item is listed in the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff for that month. Only if the item is listed in the Drug Tariff should you dispense it and then use the relevant code which should appear in the Code Book.



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BSO are also issuing communication (MMS) to GP practices advising K-Y Jelly is no longer allowed to be prescribed on stock or HS21 prescriptions.