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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Addition of Omeprazole 10mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free and Omeprazole 20mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free to Part 1 of Northern Ireland Drug Tariff

BSO wish to highlight to contractors the addition of Omeprazole 10mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free and Omeprazole 20mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free to Part 1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff in May 2020.

This is detailed in the Advanced Notice available at <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2034.htm>

These are the first two **licensed** omeprazole oral suspension sugar free products launched onto the UK market.

The codes for these products will appear in the May 2020 Code book and are:

- **Omeprazole 10mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free 72716**
- **Omeprazole 20mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free 72717**

Prescriptions written for Omeprazole 10mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free or Omeprazole 20mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free , submitted with your May 2020 prescriptions, should be coded with the appropriate code as above over the quantity supplied.

BSO would remind contractors that because this item is in Part 1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff, “endorsement” of a “brand” of omeprazole suspension (e.g. Quzole/Ethigen) is not relevant to payment and there is no need to submit an invoice with these prescriptions

Payment will be based on the current Part 1 Drug Tariff price.

Patient/carers should be advised in relation to any change to the product dispensed and provided with reassurance in terms of quality of their new product treatment continuity.

If you have any further queries, please contact Mark Nelson at BSO mark.nelson@hscni.net