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Dear Colleague

**TRANSITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT CHANGES TO THE  
NORTHERN IRELAND DRUG TARIFF FOR WOUND CARE  
MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS**

As you will be aware from recent correspondences, MPS 2547 (27<sup>th</sup> March 2019), MPS 2544 (13<sup>th</sup> March 2019) and MPS 2540 (14<sup>th</sup> February 2019), over 1900 new products were added to section 3(d) of the Northern Ireland Tariff, which will be renamed "Dressings and Wound Management Dressings" on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

The Northern Ireland Tariff is available at  
<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2034.htm>

These new additions to the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff will require pharmacies to establish revised supply chain arrangements which may include new suppliers/wholesale arrangements and changes to their practices systems.

To acknowledge this transitional period, £500 will be paid to each contractor with their April 2019 (March prescription) payment.

Yours sincerely,



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