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 (27th March 2019), MPS 2544 (13th March 2019) and MPS 2540 (14th 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 1st 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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