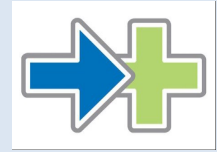


## BSO Top 10 Coding Issues

### 1. **Minor Ailments: Pharmacy Vouchers (PV1 forms)**



- ◆ Only use 5 digit codes starting with 79xxx
- ◆ Correct codes and quantities are in the Minor Ailment Formulary section of the Northern Ireland Code Book\*. *Minor ailment codes must not be used on any other form*
- ◆ Consultation fee 79070/1 must only appear once on each PV1 form
- ◆ Separate PV1 issued for each person in group consultation; only one to be endorsed with consultation fee

### 2. **Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT): Pharmacy Vouchers (PV1 forms)**

- ◆ Standard codes for NRT to be used
- ◆ No consultation fee is claimed, so the 79070/1 should not appear PV1 forms



### 3. **Repeat Dispensing: Intervention Fee**

- ◆ 97001/1 and 97002/1 should only be endorsed once, although both can be on the same script
- ◆ "Not dispensed" items are coded 88888/1 as normal and the intervention code added at the end

### 4. **Instillagel ®**

- ◆ Code the number of syringes dispensed; product has a BSO Pack =10
- ◆ Payment team frequently see prescriptions coded over the number of "mls"

### 5. **Lymphoedema Garments**

- ◆ All products have codes (listed in part 3 of Northern Ireland Drug Tariff)
- ◆ All the components must be listed on the prescription by the prescriber; code each component e.g. Jobst separately
- ◆ No Out-Of-Pocket is payable
- ◆ Some of the components are charged at small prices, e.g. the Jobst closed toe option is £0.11, so do not need to be queried by contractor



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### **6. Products with a decimal pack size (0.5mls/ 0.5g)**

**0.5**

- ◆ These are rounded for one pack first, then multiplied by the number of packs
- ◆ The code book provides clear information on how the initial rounding is done
- ◆ For example, Latanoprost x 10ml – this is a 4 x 2.5ml packs so is rounded to /3 first, then multiplied by 4 so would be coded /12

### **7. Additional fees (98765 code): Nutritional supplements**

- ◆ Prescriber must request “mixed flavours” or list individual flavours on the prescription for the code 98765 to be endorsed
- ◆ “Flavour not specified” does not qualify for the 98765 code

### **8. Additional fees (98765 code): Reconstituted Liquids**

- ◆ 98765 code can only be claimed when the duration of treatment is longer than the expiry of the reconstituted liquid, i.e. the item needs to be dispensed more than once to fulfil the prescription
- ◆ For example, erythromycin suspension has a 14 day expiry, so 98765 cannot be claimed for 10 day's treatment



### **9. Nutritional Supplements (including gluten-free products)**

- ◆ These are “special containers” (indicated in the code book by a black square) and cannot be split
- ◆ Quantities prescribed by GPs may not be multiples of the “special container” pack size
- ◆ BSO payment team see a lot of coding for the quantity prescribed rather than what was actually dispensed, which is manually fixed prior to payment

For example

- ◆ Ensure Plus Advance 5600ml, coded 15939/5600; this is a 220ml pack so the correct code is **15939/5500** (closest quantity that can be supplied with a 220ml pack)
- ◆ Pro-cal Shot 1120ml (40ml daily), coded 4100/1120 – this is a 120ml pack so the correct code would be **4100/1080** (closest quantity that can be supplied with a 120ml pack)
- ◆ Prescriptions should be returned to GP practice and amendments made to repeat prescription record so that correct quantities are prescribed for future repeat prescription



### **10. Always refer to the online Codebook**

- ◆ The online Pharmaceutical Codebook should always be referred to when coding prescriptions  
\*<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2046.htm>
- ◆ Contractors should not code from pharmacy labels or their pharmacy computer systems

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