

# DM+D Rules Guide

1. Determine the dm+d<sup>1</sup> code and the prescribed quantity of the prescription item.
2. Find all records in monthly coding rules table<sup>2</sup> with the given dm+d code.
3. From these select the record with the smallest pack<sup>3</sup> size.
4. If the prescribed quantity of the item is equal to the pack size or fully divisible by the pack and less than or equal to the maximum quantity<sup>4</sup> of the selected record then select the BSO code of this record.
5. Otherwise select the record with the next largest pack size.
6. Repeat step 4 and 5 until a BSO code is found or until all the pack sizes of the records have been checked.
7. If no BSO code has been found then find all records in monthly coding rules table with the given dm+d code that are breakable packs.
8. From these select all records where the prescribed quantity is equal to or greater than the minimum quantity<sup>5</sup> and less than or equal to the maximum quantity.
9. Select the BSO code of the record with the lowest unit price.
10. Assign the BSO code found to the item.

<sup>1</sup> More information regarding dm+d can be found at <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dictionary-medicines-and-devices-dmd>

<sup>2</sup> Coding Rules Table can be found on BSO website at <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2075.htm>

<sup>3</sup> Pack is the dm+d Pack as shown on the Coding Rules Table.

<sup>4</sup> The maximum quantity value is the maximum quantity of an item which can be auto-coded. If the quantity is higher, then the manually endorsed quantity and code will be used. This value is shown for each item on the current dm+d coding list.

<sup>5</sup> The minimum quantity value is the smallest quantity of an item which can be auto-coded. If the quantity is smaller, then the manually endorsed quantity and code will be used. This value is shown for each item on the current dm+d coding list

## Worked Examples:

Benzoyl peroxide 5% / Clindamycin 1% gel			
Pack	Breakable*	Minimum** Quantity	Maximum*** Quantity
25	N	25	125
50	N	50	250

Quantity Prescribed	Possible to Auto-Code	Pack Payment Based On
25	Y	25
30	N (non multiple of stated pack sizes)	Contractor endorsement
60	N (non multiple of stated pack sizes)	Contractor endorsement
125	Y	25
150	Y	50
300	N (Exceeds maximum quantity)	Contractor endorsement

Amoxicillin 500mg capsules			
Pack	Breakable*	Minimum** Quantity	Maximum*** Quantity
15	Y	7	52
21	Y	19	105

Quantity Prescribed	Possible to Auto-Code	Pack Payment Based On
6	Y	15
15	Y	15
21	Y	21
60	Y	21
120	N (Exceeds maximum quantity)	Contractor endorsement

\* If marked N, then only quantities equal to pack or multiples of pack size stated on rules table can be auto-coded, otherwise the manually endorsed quantity and code will be used.

\*\* The minimum quantity value is the smallest quantity of an item which can be auto-coded. If the quantity is smaller, then the manually endorsed quantity and code will be used. This value is shown for each item on the current dm+d coding list.

\*\*\* The maximum quantity value is the maximum quantity of an item which can be auto-coded. If the quantity is higher, then the manually endorsed quantity and code will be used. This value is shown for each item on the current dm+d coding list.