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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Dapagliflozin prescriptions: Endorsement with Correct BSO Part 1 Generic Codes

You will be aware that one of Northern Ireland's most costly drugs; dapagliflozin is now 'off patent' and the two generic strengths are now included in Part 1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff, [Drug Tariff \(hscni.net\)](https://hscni.net/drug-tariff)

SPPG Pharmacy and Medicines Management Team (PMMT) are following up with individual GP practices to ensure that any patients prescribed the brand Forxiga® are changed to generic dapagliflozin as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition for all parties.

As part of this exercise, PMMT have discovered that a number of pharmacies have been coding prescriptions written generically for dapagliflozin as the brand Forxiga®

Contractors **must code** all prescriptions written for generic dapagliflozin using the appropriate BSO Part 1 generic code, listed in the table below.

Drug	BSO Code
(DT) Dapagliflozin 5mg tablets 28 tablet	14698
(DT) Dapagliflozin 10mg tablets 28 tablet	14697

The online Codebook* should always be used as the primary source for the coding of prescriptions.

*[Code Book and Amendments \(hscni.net\)](https://hscni.net/code-book)

From September 2025 onwards, post-payment verification will be carried out on all



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prescriptions coded for Forxiga® to ensure that prescriptions have been coded appropriately and, if required, follow up with the community pharmacy or GP practice. If you have any queries, please contact Mark Nelson on mark.nelson@hscni.net