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Dear Colleague

CODING OF SALBUTAMOL 2.5MG/2.5ML NEBULISER LIQUID UNIT DOSE VIALS

Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials (20) were removed from Part 1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff in October 2025 and all manufacturers of this product have discontinued production. *Consequently, the BSO code 13002 has been retired.*

If a contractor receives a prescription for **Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials (20)**, and still has remaining stock which can be dispensed against the prescription, the prescription should be diamonded and endorsed with the price of product supplied.

If ampoules are to be dispensed instead of vials, the prescription **must be returned** to the prescriber to be endorsed authorising the supply of ampoules. The prescription should then be diamonded and the manufacturer and price endorsed on the prescription.

These prescriptions **must be placed in the amended batch** of the prescription submission to ensure correct reimbursement for dispensing vials or ampoules.

Please note that ampoules **cannot** be dispensed and claimed for a prescription written for vials.

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