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Dear Colleague

CODING OF SALBUTAMOL 2.5MG/2.5ML NEBULISER LIQUID UNIT DOSE AMPOULES AND SALBUTAMOL 5MG/2.5ML NEBULISER LIQUID UNIT DOSE AMPOULES

Further to the MPS issued on 19th November 2025, [MPS-3439-Coding-of-Salbutamol-2.5mg2.5ml-nebuliser-vials.pdf](#), BSO wish to advise all contractors that **Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose ampoules (20)** and **Salbutamol 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose ampoules (20)** have been added to Part 1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff from the 1st January 2026.

Codes have now been allocated for these two products as below and moving forwards, contractors **must code** all prescriptions for these two products using the appropriate BSO Part 1 generic code as listed in the table below. If ampoule prescriptions have already been diamonded earlier this month, you do not need to go back and code them again. They will be processed as previously stated in MPS 3439.

Drug	BSO CODE
(DT) SALBUTAMOL 2.5MG/2.5ML NEBULISER LIQUID UNIT DOSE AMPOULES (20)	38257
(DT) SALBUTAMOL 5MG/2.5ML NEBULISER LIQUID UNIT DOSE AMPOULES (20)	38558

Please note that it is **not appropriate** to dispense an **unlicensed special** for prescriptions written for **Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials**, as this is an unlicensed preparation and a licensed alternative, ampoules, is available.

If a contractor receives a prescription for **Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials**, and still has remaining licensed stock which can be dispensed against the prescription, the prescription should be diamonded and endorsed with the price of product supplied. These prescriptions **must be placed in the amended batch** of the prescription submission to ensure correct reimbursement for dispensing vials.

Otherwise the prescription **must be returned** to the prescriber to be endorsed authorising the supply of the ampoules. The prescription should then be coded using the appropriate BSO Part 1 generic code, as per the table above,

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