

## Buttercups Monthly Drug Tariff Bulletin

From Emma Seton - June 2011



*Welcome to the June issue of my monthly bulletin on the Drug Tariff, this month the hot topic is Out of Pocket Expenses.*

First a little reminder that the Category M price list for July to September has been published. For those of you involved in purchasing medicines don't forget to check the price changes so you are not caught out with any price decreases on large amounts of stock.

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to see the Category M Price list for July to September

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### **Focus on... Out of Pocket Expenses for all contractors in England, Wales and Scotland**

#### **What is an Out of Pocket Expense?**

They are expenses, such as postage, telephone calls or delivery by special carrier, over 10p which have been incurred by a pharmacy to obtain a drug, appliance or chemical reagent providing they are not in one of the following categories:

In England and Wales they cannot be claimed on:

- Drugs listed in Part VIII Category A and M (unless they are NCSO items)
- Appliances listed in Part IXA
- Reagents listed in Part IXR

In Scotland they cannot be claimed on:

- Drugs listed in Part 7
- Appliances listed in Part 2-6
- Chemical reagent listed in Part 9

#### **How do you claim the payment?**

The prescription needs to be endorsed with "XP", the nature of the expense e.g. postage, and the cost. In England and Wales you don't need to attach evidence to the prescription to support the claim but should keep the evidence within the pharmacy in case you are asked to substantiate it. In Scotland the evidence should be attached to the prescription.

The prescription is then bundled separately when being processed for payment in Wales or Scotland. In England you need to record the claims on the FP34 submission forms but the forms are not sorted separately.

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## *Drug Tariff - The main changes for June (England and Wales)*

### *Drugs for which discount is not deducted*

Warfarin 1mg/ml oral suspension sugar free (Rosemont Pharmaceuticals Ltd) has been added to the list

### *Common additions to part VIII*

Calcium carbonate 1.25g effervescent tablets sugar free

Calcium lactate gluconate/Calcium carbonate effervescent tablets sugar free; 930.8mg/700mg and 2.263g/1.75g strengths (Sandocal 400 and 1000)

Calcium glubionate 1.09g/5ml / Calcium lactobionate 727mg/5ml oral solution (Calcium-Sandoz)

Hydrocortisone 1% / Pramocaine 1% foam enema (Proctofoam HC)

Nicotine 1mg/dose oromucosal spray sugar free (Nicorette Quickmist)

Oxycodone modified-release tablets; 5mg, 10mg, 15mg, 20mg, 30mg, 60mg and 120mg strengths added.

Paracetamol 500mg / Metoclopramide 5mg effervescent powder sachets sugar free (Paramax)

Saxagliptin 2.5mg tablets

### *Common deletions to part VIII*

Budesonide 200micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free

Methadone 1mg/ml oral solution 30 & 50ml (100ml and 500ml still listed)

### *NCSO June*

Lofepamine 70mg tablets

Mebeverine 135mg tablets

Moclobemide 150mg tablets

Sertraline 100mg tablets

### *Common additions to part IXR (Chemical Reagents)*

GlucoMen LX Ketone Test Strips