

FACTSHEET 1: ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL CODES FOR CATHETERS AND STOMA PRODUCTS BY BSO

MPS 2394 announced the issue of additional codes for catheters and stoma products. Whilst the volume of these new codes may seem daunting, CPNI believe that their use will lead to more accurate payment.

Historically BSO issued one code number that covered a range of gauge sizes for catheters or aperture sizes for ostomy products. The issuing of these additional codes will mean that individual codes are now available for each gauge or aperture size.

Although PMR providers are supplied with up to date codes by BSO the main source of coding information is the BSO Code Book which is now only available electronically on the BSO website. See link below –

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2046.htm>

You may decide to either open the electronic Code Book each morning or download it to your desktop on a monthly basis. The most important thing to remember is that you should be using the most recent version to code your forms.

ACCURATE CODING WILL LEAD TO ACCURATE PAYMENT

It is good practice to ensure that when coding prescription forms prior to submitting them to BSO for payment that you use the current month Code Book. Changes to pack sizes, strengths and even product names can occur on a monthly basis.

It is possible that you may have memorised code numbers for some common products but these may change or disappear as pack sizes change, particularly for Drug Tariff items.

‘SEARCHING’ THE CODE BOOK

It is easy to find individual items in the electronic Code Book by using the search facility. However, how you enter the item you wish to find is important.

For catheters and ostomy products you will need to insert the product code/serial number of the product ordered as it appears on the prescription or packaging.

If there is a hyphen (-) in the serial number:

e.g. B.BRAUN Biotrol Almarys colostomy bag with filter 76-015 it will need to be included in your search. If you put 76015 into the search box the item will not be found.

If there is a dot in the serial number:

e.g. C S Bullen Ltd Hi-Slip Hydrophilic Catheter (Male) HS.SM4008..... it will need to be included in your search. If you put HSSM4008 into the search box the item will not be found.

If there is a space in the serial number:

e.g. KM 2109 (Jade-euro-med ostomy brief lightweight 81cm)it will need to be included in your search. If you put KM2109 into the search box the item will not be found.

The search is not case sensitive so you can use capital or lower case letters.