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Good Afternoon,

Alendronic Acid 70mg Tablets Price Adjustment and Short Supply Flag

We are aware of the ongoing significant concerns around the availability and price of Alendronic Acid 70mg Tablets through July and thank you to you all who have reported this to us to support in our negotiations with Public Health Scotland and Scottish Government.

The recent [MSAN](#) that was released allows for acceptable alternatives to be prescribed or unlicensed products to be sourced via the Health Board authorisation route, however doesn't address when the licensed version is sourced and supplied above the current Drug Tariff price of £5.50.

Following discussions with Scottish Government it has been agreed that for the month of July and August the Short Supply Flag is to be switched on allowing for price endorsements in the electronic message for any barcoded prescriptions or paper endorsements for non-barcoded prescriptions to be made where you have sourced and supplied the licensed version of Alendronic Acid 70mg tablets in order for you to be reimbursed accordingly. Please endorse SHS followed by the price. It has also been agreed currently for the month of July for the price to be set at £11.99 which is reflected in the Adjusted Prices table below, we will continue to negotiate on this price through the remainder of July and into August.

We understand that as we are at the end of the month in order for you to be reimbursed for what you have supplied it at through the month of July will require the need for you to take the time to go back and amend any electronic messages that have already been sent but hope that you agree this will at least allow for you to be reimbursed at what you supplied it at in the absence of not being able to secure a price that is reflective in addressing the various prices that are being reported in the marketplace from the evidence being presented.

We will continue to monitor Alendronic Acid along with all other lines that you continue to report to us. We recognise the increasing pressures in the market and the support of you reporting into us is vital in the process allowing us to negotiate Scottish Government drug tariff changes so please report in as it does support the process. We will be going live soon with a new and improved shortage reporter allowing for reports to be made quicker and more effectively.

Below are the changes to the [adjusted prices](#) page as of Thursday 28th July 2022.

Please note Dihydrocodeine tablets 30mg and both strengths of Temazepam tablets have been granted for the month of July only and will be reviewed again in August.

We would also like to highlight that there are ongoing discussions regarding Citalopram tablets 20mg and these should have a price agreement for July by Friday evening. As always please continue to report into us via the [Shortage Reporter App](#)

Drug Name	Formulation	Strength / Measure	Pack Size	Previous Price	New Price	Movement
Alendronic Acid	Tablets	70mg	4	550	1199	↑
Dihydrocodeine	Tablets	30mg	100	486	500	↑
Dutasteride / Tamsulosin	Caps	500mcg / 400mcg	30	193	390	↑
Fluoxetine	Caps	20mg	30	90	180	↑
Ibuprofen SF	Susp	100mg / 5ml	100ml	369	399	↑
Temazepam	Tablets	10mg	28	440	2250	↑
Temazepam	Tablets	20mg	28	424	2250	↑

If you have any questions please contact the Services team on 0131 466 3540 or email pharmacy.services@cps.scot

Best Wishes

The Services Team