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Dear Colleague

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WELFARE FOOD SCHEMI

Summary

1. This letter informs Health Boards and NHS Trusts of a change in the contract and increase in price for vitamin drops supplied under the Welfare Food Scheme. It also informs them that Milupa Milumil has been relaunched and may again be supplied to Welfare Food beneficiaries and advises on the introduction of a new milk token.

2. This letter should be brought to the attention of staff in maternity and child health clinics and other welfare food distribution centres. It should also be brought to the attention of all purchasing and supplies staff and all other staff involved in the management of the Welfare Food Scheme.

Yours sincerely

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Background

1. From 1 April 1997 vitamin drops are supplied by the Seton Healthcare Group PLC. Orders should be sent to:

Seton Healthcare Group PLC
Distribution Centre
Stakehill Industrial Estate
Finlan Road
Middleton
M24 2SI

Tel: 0161 654 6161
Fax: 0161 653 9385

When orders are placed please quote reference: ND/0006/0397/07.

Invoices should, as previously, be passed to The Scottish Office Department of Health for payment.

2. The contract price for one order unit (30 x 12 bottles) is £157.31 including VAT. Health Boards and Trusts are reminded that, in accordance with the guidance given in NHS MEL (1996)56, this price increase should be reflected in the price charged for vitamin drops which are sold to family credit beneficiaries.

Vitamin Tablets

3. The current contract for vitamin tablets for expectant and nursing mothers has been extended and prices will remain unchanged in 1997/98.

Milupa Milumil

4. Milupa have relaunched their dried baby-milk, Milumil. The information supplied by the manufacturer indicates that Milupa Milumil meets the compositional requirements set out in the relevant regulations, and NHS Trusts and Health Boards may make the new product available to beneficiaries under the Welfare Food Scheme.

Changes to Token Design

5. The watermark on the milk token is to be changed. The crown and letters "HMSO" are being replaced by a bottle and the letters "WFS". Both styles will continue to be issued until stocks of the old style run out. All tokens are alpha/numerically numbered and those that start with the letters IL onwards will contain the new watermark.
6. If you have any queries about the new milk token, please contact the Fraud Prevention Team on 0171 972 5174.