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| **Change Notification:**  cn\_2020\_NCAMP\_ HSC Y44 Methadone\_v2.0  **Date of Issue:**  11 December 2019 | **http://www.peoplenet.co.nz/Images/Logos/MinistryOfHealth.jpg** |

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| **Proposed Implementation Date:**  01 July 2020 | **Subject:** Rename Health Speciality Code (HSC) Y44 Methadone |
| **CHANGE NOTIFICATION** | |
| Summary:  Rename HSC Y44 Methadone to HSC Y44 Opioid Substitution Treatment OST effective from 1 July 2020 | |
| **National Collections Impacted by Change:** | National Collections Accepting Health Speciality Codes |
| Context of the Change:  The rationale for this change is that many clients allocated against Y44 are not prescribed Methadone, they are prescribed Buprenorphine (suboxone). Additional medications for use in Opioid Substitution Treatment (OST) are also likely to be available in the next 1-3 years. A name change to the generic ‘OST’ will more accurately reflect the treatment provided. | |
| **Details of Proposed Change:**   * Rename HSC Y44 to “Opioid Substitution Treatment OST” effective from 1 July 2020 | |
| **What is Expected of the Sector:**  Where used, rename HSC Y44 Methadone to Y44 “Opioid Substitution Treatment OST” effective from 1 July 2020 | |
| **Impact of Change on National Collection(s):**  Nil | |
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