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**Re: Third Party Verification**

Dear Pharmacist,

A health service audit of current practices in relation to patient confirmation that medications have been received by them, has identified a process deficiency in relation to the absence of third party verification on GMS claims which routinely applies in respect of all other Community Drugs Schemes.

To address this deficiency, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016, the person receiving the dispensed items should acknowledge receipt of the supply of the medications listed, on the dispensing date as stamped by the pharmacist on the form, by signing the GMS Prescription in the section provided. There is no requirement to provide a copy of the signed prescription form to the patient.

When a person other than the named person on the prescription is collecting their medicines, the patient's nominee should sign the form and the relationship of that person to the named person on the prescription should also be recorded in the space provided

A number of claims are being received by the PCRS under other Community Drug Schemes that do not contain third party verification. Please note that it is a requirement by the HSE under Community Schemes that third party verification is received, and third party verification is required in order to properly present a valid claim for reimbursement.

Your ongoing cooperation is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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