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Re: December 2013 Claim Submission

Dear Pharmacist,

You will be aware that the HSE will perform the first reimbursement using reference prices where applicable in December 2013. The purpose of this circular is to draw attention to a number of points in order to ensure that everything goes smoothly next month.

It is recommended that you read the "electronic submission arrangements" guide. The guide is available under "Online Services" at <u>www.pcrs.ie</u> and in the section for pharmacists. While the details in the guide have not changed, it does provide helpful information about the important dates involved in the submission process and advice to help minimize any risks in getting claims submitted for successful reimbursement.

Pharmacies who have received upgraded software from their supplier and who will be submitting new format electronic claim files for early pay should submit early in the submission window but no later than midnight on Wednesday 4 December 2013. To ensure the smoothest claim submission procedure it is recommended to commence early on Monday 2 December on this occasion.

Pharmacies not yet ready to submit new format files can still submit old format electronic files in the normal way. The normal dates apply as per the electronic submission arrangements.

I look forward to your continued co-operation with us as this significant new initiative settles into place.

Yours faithfully,

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Patrick Burke Primary Care Reimbursement Service