



Primary Care Reimbursement  
Service

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**To ask the Minister for Health the costs of treating hypertension and high blood pressure here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**  
**-Louise O'Reilly**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 10940/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

**GMS Scheme**

ATC 2	ATC Description	Ingredient Cost	Total Cost 2019
C02	Antihypertensives	€1,731,780	€2,787,338
C03	Diuretics	€3,495,368	€10,525,524
C07	Beta Blocker Agents	€5,209,413	€15,686,105
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	€4,934,948	€12,734,183
C09	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	€21,816,490	€37,234,670
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>€37,187,998</b>	<b>€78,967,820</b>

**DPS Scheme**

ATC 2	ATC Description	Ingredient Cost	Total Cost 2019
C02	Antihypertensives	€331,265	€470,401
C03	Diuretics	€683,672	€1,342,132
C07	Beta Blocker Agents	€872,242	€2,187,697
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	€719,005	€1,592,122
C09	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	€4,161,614	€6,188,542
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>€6,767,798</b>	<b>€11,780,893</b>

**LTI Scheme**

ATC 2	ATC Description	Ingredient Cost	Total Cost 2019
C02	Antihypertensives	€738,606	€1,101,519
C03	Diuretics	€766,569	€1,803,593
C07	Beta Blocker Agents	€1,182,021	€3,210,205
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	€1,263,486	€2,931,372
C09	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	€6,396,126	€10,819,304
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>€10,346,809</b>	<b>€19,865,993</b>

**High Tech**

ATC 2	ATC Description	Ingredient Cost	Total Cost 2019
C02	Antihypertensives	€12,763,079	€12,763,079
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>€12,763,079</b>	<b>€12,763,079</b>

**HAA**

ATC 2	ATC Description	Ingredient Cost	Total Cost 2019
C02	Antihypertensives	€3,237	€5,108
C03	Diuretics	€4,558	€11,762
C07	Beta Blocker Agents	€7,054	€20,002
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	€10,487	€24,022
C09	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	€37,774	€61,784
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>€63,111</b>	<b>€122,678</b>

**Total all Schemes 2019****€123,500,463****Doctors Special Item of Service**

Description	Total Cost 2019
24hr ABPM Diagnosis '&' treatment for individual patient care '&' not general/routine test	<b>€9,184,260</b>

**Note:**

- 1) The information provided is based on claim data which has been received by the Primary Care [Eligibility & Reimbursement Service \(PCERS\)](#) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCERS only.
- 2) This data does not capture items dispensed outside of community drug schemes where the prescription has been paid for privately by the patient or patient representative.
- 3) This data may not capture claims which are under the DPS monthly threshold amount.
- 4) Some of the drugs listed have additional indications for use, however the primary indication would be for the treatment of hypertension.

Yours sincerely,



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