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PQ: 50369/21

To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the HSE recommended medication cariban should be added to the approved drugs list under the drugs payment scheme; his views on whether the drug should be made available on the medical card; and the treatments available under each scheme to treat hyperemesis gravidarum. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 50369/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cariban (doxylamine / pyridoxine) is an unlicensed product that is not reimbursable under GMS and Community Drug Schemes. Only licensed products are added to the formal GMS Reimbursement List in line with the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013.

Licensing a product requires the manufacturer to submit a dossier to either the European Medicines Agency or alternatively the Health Products Regulatory Authority in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle

Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service