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PQ: 42670/22

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1629 of 26 July 2022, if there are no avenues for a dispenser-supplier, outside of the prescribed manufacturer-suppliers set in Schedule 3 of the HSE-IPHA Framework Agreement (2021) to apply or otherwise petition for the inclusion of a medicine or appliance on the long-term illness scheme; the reason there are any means by which a medical doctor, pharmacist, or other licensed prescriber may petition for the inclusion of a product on such schemes and reimbursement lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42760/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Drugs, medicines and non-drug items reimbursable under the Long Term Illness (LTI) Scheme are intended for the treatment of the primary condition. Core Lists were developed following detailed consultation with Medical Officers, HSE Pharmacists and HSE Medicines Management Programme. The HSE is satisfied that all medicines that should be necessary for the treatment of each primary LTI condition are provided on these Core Lists. The Core Lists are published on the HSE website at <https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/lti/approved-medications/>.

As part of a review of the Core Lists for each LTI condition in 2021, the MMP sought feedback from the relevant clinical programmes to ensure that the lists included all medicines that should be necessary for the treatment of each primary LTI condition. The review for 2021/2022 is now complete.

A community Pharmacist can make an application on behalf of a patient to have a product covered under the LTI that is outside the Core List for their LTI illness. There is a dedicated online portal for LTI drug requests. The request must be such that the product is used to treat the primary condition.

Where a negative decision is communicated back to the Pharmacist, the doctor or consultant can appeal the decision by submitting an Individual Reimbursement Form to the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS). Supporting documentation and clinical evidence can also be submitted for consideration.

Products that are not on the list approved under the LTI Scheme must be paid for under the Drugs Payment Scheme where a person does not hold medical card eligibility.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle', written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Doyle
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