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Dáil Éireann,
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PQ: 20478/25

To ask the Minister for Health if the drug entresto is included on the drugs payment scheme; the consultation given to eligible patients eligible for this scheme when a new prescription is given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin

Dear Deputy Ó Súilleabháin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 20478/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Entresto® (sacubitril+valsartan) became available for reimbursement on 1st December 2017. Due to the relatively high cost associated with this treatment (as compared with many other treatments for heart failure) approval was granted on condition of the establishment of a managed access process for a subset of the licensed population (i.e. those with a left ventricular ejection fraction of $\leq 35\%$ and who already are receiving optimal medical therapy for heart failure).

An online reimbursement application system was established to manage this process for the HSE. Clinicians are required to apply for reimbursement approval on an individual patient basis for Entresto®. Patients approved for this medication can avail of the drug on Drugs Payment Scheme.

Further information on this process is available at the following link:
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/medicines-management/managed-access-protocols/sacubitril-and-valsartan-entresto/>.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Reimbursement Service

The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie