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HSE Prescribing Guidance System

Dear Doctor,

Further to the recent launch of the Preferred Drugs Initiative by the Medicines Management Programme (MMP), I wish to advise you of the Prescribing Guidance System that will be available to you shortly. This system will provide a valuable tool to prescribers while supporting you with integrated “point of prescribing” information making it easier for you to make decisions in line with the Preferred Drugs Initiative. In turn, the system also gives assurance regarding the effectiveness of prescribing guidance interventions.

The HSE has written to GP system vendors, inviting them to avail of this new integration opportunity, free of charge. The Web Services for this initiative are now available for integration by your software vendor.

Most GPs are already integrated with the HSE for the purpose of medical card eligibility confirmation. This system is one of the most widely used messaging systems operating in Ireland with over 300,000 messages consumed nationally each day across primary care software systems. Similar to the existing system in place, this new tool will provide messages on an exception basis only, meaning that where the GPs’ prescribing is in line with MMP preferred drugs, messages will not be sent / viewed at all.

Your continuing interest and co-operation with the Medicines Management Programme is much appreciated and we look forward to working with GPs on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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