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Centralisation of the Drugs Payment Scheme

Dear Community Pharmacist,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) continues to work towards modernising Primary Care Schemes and minimising the complexities associated with applying for eligibility for these Schemes. Since 2017 the HSE has mobilised plans to centralise the administration of the Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS) to the National Medical Card Unit, PCRS.

I now wish to advise that from 26th November 2018, the National Medical Card Unit, PCRS will assume governance for the processing of all new and review DPS applications. The following arrangements will apply:-

- From 26th November 2018, the PCRS will make available a new process for online emergency applications by the Community Pharmacist. This online application will be available on the Pharmacy Suite named "Emergency DPS". Once this module is clicked you will be able to launch the application and read the user guide. While this process will facilitate DPS eligibility, this is on a temporary basis only. Please advise the customer to apply for ongoing eligibility online or complete an application form. Failure to register for the DPS scheme will result in losing DPS eligibility after 3 months. The 'Emergency DPS Pharmacy User Guide' will be accessible within the "Emergency DPS" module on your suite.
- Applications for the DPS can be undertaken either online at www.myDPS.ie using our new dedicated online application facility or, by completing an application form and posting to:-

**Drugs Payment Scheme
Client Registration Unit
PO Box 12966
Dublin 11
D11 XKF3**

Further information regarding DPS can also be accessed through www.medicalcard.ie or LoCall 1890 282 919.

Enclosed are application forms, pamphlets and a poster for display. Your co-operation is appreciated in raising awareness about the centralisation of the DPS and in assisting customers to apply for eligibility in emergency circumstances where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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