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### **Re: Electronic Transmission of Reimbursement Claims**

Dear Pharmacist,

You will be aware that Reference Pricing will be implemented shortly for the first interchangeable group published by the Irish Medicines Board.

The HSE has notified Pharmacy Contractors of the reference price to be paid from 1 November 2013 for Atorvastatin product and has outlined the recording requirements for submission of claims. Subsequent to the dispensing function, contractors will be required to confirm one of the following:

1. INN Prescribed
2. Branded Generic Prescribed
3. Proprietary Prescribed
4. 'Do Not Substitute' written by the prescriber

I would like to take this opportunity to again ask you to transfer to electronic claiming for a number of very specific reasons. Firstly, the advantages to you are clear; you will receive your payment a month earlier than you currently do. Secondly, you can avail of the benefits of electronic reimbursement, including the ability to submit correction claims to ensure all claims are paid 14 days following submission.

Finally, we are currently obliged to use scarce resources to manually type in your paper claims and, irrespective of the current business climate, we consider this to be unnecessary due to the fact you have already captured this data into your computer system. Your colleagues, i.e., over 95% of all pharmacy contractors, who already claim electronically consistently report that they would not return to manual coding.

I look forward to your continued co-operation with us, as we make changes which are essential in the current environment.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke  
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