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Circular 023/15

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Re Individual Reimbursement Approval Arrangements for Fampridine

Dear Pharmacist,

The purpose of this circular is to inform you about Individual Reimbursement Approval arrangements for Fampridine / Fampyra.

From 1 October 15, conditional reimbursement under the General Medical Services (GMS) and Long Term Illness (LTI) Schemes will apply for Consultant initiated patients who satisfy a 'responder protocol' developed following discussions with clinical experts.

Reimbursement will be extended where a demonstration of clinical response (based on objective criteria) is recorded and where that clinical response is shown to persist based on objective measurement at 6 monthly intervals.

Where patients satisfy the 'responder protocol', they will be enrolled on the HSE online system by those Hospital clinics assessing patients on a continuous basis.

Efforts have been made over the summer to gather from Neurology Centres clinical and demographic details of 'responders' to enable as many patients as possible to receive funding support from 1st October 2015. The number of 'pre- notified' patients to the PCRS is limited. As and when patients are assessed, notified and authorised as responders, the number of approved patients will grow.

When a prescription for Fampridine / Fampyra is presented to a pharmacy, Pharmacists, through the enhanced visibility system available to them, can establish whether the patient had been notified to the HSE as a responder and whether reimbursement has been approved.

Reimbursement will only apply from the date of approval. If the patient is not registered as a 'responder', reimbursement support will not be provided by the HSE.

The HSE is only accepting online applications for the Fampridine responder programme. Eligibility confirmation will only be available through the enhanced visibility system. (Circular 3/15 pertains).

Yours faithfully,

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