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Health Service Executive

Primary Care Reimbursement Service

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Redress for Women Resident in Certain Institutions Act, 2015

Dear Pharmacist,

The Government has provided in the above Act, for the making available without charge of certain health services to certain persons who were resident in Magdalen Laundries and in similar laundries operated at St. Mary's Training Centre, Stanhope Street, Dublin 7 and the House of Mercy Training School, Summerhill, Wexford.

Eligible persons will receive a Redress for Women Resident in Certain Institutions Act 2015 Services Card (copy attached) from the Health Service Executive. This card is personal to the holder and is valid for her lifetime. It should be presented when the eligible person wishes to avail of services under the Act.

Persons eligible under the Act are entitled to receive drugs, medicines and medical and surgical appliances free of charge, which are prescribed by a medical practitioner. This refers to drugs, medicines and medical and surgical appliances for the time being on the Reimbursement List within the meaning of the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013. This list includes all medicines, medical devices or other medical products that are reimbursed by the General Medical Services Scheme. Items on the list will be provided free of charge, once on a GMS prescription. The cardholder will not be required to pay the prescription fee, currently €2.50 per item.

The latest version of eligibility confirmation web service, launched in April 2015, will confirm to pharmacists those clients exempt from Prescription Charges. This information is also visible online via the PCRS Pharmacy Application Suite which is available to pharmacists only.

To confirm that you have access to the PCRS Pharmacy Application Suite, please proceed to www.pcrs.ie choosing the "Online Services" option and then the Pharmacy Application Suite option. If you cannot access the Pharmacy Application Suite then please choose the 'Security Certificate Registration Form' option and follow the instructions provided.

Claims dispensed on a prescription to a person eligible for services under this Act, should be submitted electronically with the General Medical Services (GMS) Scheme as part of your normal monthly file submission. Supporting paperwork must be submitted with GMS claims to the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in the usual manner.

In the case of high-tech medicines prescribed for persons with eligibility under the Redress for Women Resident in Certain Institutions Act, 2015, the same arrangements for the supply of high tech medicines to eligible medical card holders will apply.

I would appreciate your support and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Burke

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