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RE: Long Term Illness (LTI) Scheme

Dear Pharmacist,

To increase transparency for all involved in the LTI Scheme, I am providing guidance (as enclosed) on products which will be automatically approved for LTI patients under each of the conditions described in the legislation.

You will note that some categories are described in a general way. It is important to note that only those products on the List of Reimbursable Items are automatically covered. The listing per condition by Product Code will be published on the website shortly and updated on a regular basis.

Patients must be registered as an LTI patient at local level and notified to the Primary Care Reimbursement Service to be eligible for medicinal products under the Long Term Illness Scheme. The LTI conditions are listed on the HSE website on www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/lti/

Where medicinal products that are not on the approved list are prescribed for the first time for a person with any of these LTI conditions, the patient should be informed that the products are not on the list approved under the LTI Scheme and must be paid for under the Drugs Payment Scheme where the patient does not hold medical card eligibility.

Appeals can be registered by the patient with the local office when a medicinal product is consultant initiated for a registered LTI patient. The clinician may be asked to set out the clinical evidence supporting the use of the product in the treatment of the primary condition.

Patients currently approved for products outside the lists will continue to avail of these under LTI until further notice. Monthly reporting to Pharmacists on the LTI Non Approved Drugs Listing will also continue.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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**Long Term Illness (LTI) Scheme: Reference Guide as to what is covered in the Health Service Executive for each of the 15 scheduled LTI illnesses.
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Illness Code A: Mental Handicap

- Corticosteroids
- Antibiotics
- Anticonvulsants (including Benzodiazepines used for this purpose)
- Asthma preparations
- Drugs for cardiac problems. e.g. Furosemide, Spironolactone.
- Hypnotics
- Domperidone Syrup
- Histamine H2 Blockers and Proton Pump Inhibitors
- Water for Injection
- Needles and Syringes
- Giving Sets
- Laxatives

Illness Code B: Hydrocephalus

- Urinary antiseptics
- Barrier Creams
- Corticosteroids
- Antibiotics,
- Dressings
- Anticonvulsants (including Benzodiazepines used for this purpose.)
- Hypnotics
- Water for Injection
- Needles and Syringes
- Leg bags, drainage bags, catheters

Illness Code C: Cerebral Palsy

- Antibiotics
- Muscle relaxants (Baclofen, Dantrolene, Tizanidine)
- Anticonvulsants (including Benzodiazepines used for this purpose)
- Hypnotics
- Laxatives
- Domperidone Syrup
- Histamine H2 Blockers and Proton Pump Inhibitors
- Water for Injection
- Needles and Syringes
- Catheters
- Urinary Sheaths
- Leg bags, drainage bags, catheters
- Disposable gloves
- KY Jelly
- Treatment for Osteoporosis
- Barrier Creams

Illness Code D: Muscular Dystrophy

- Urinary antiseptics
- Antibiotics
- Muscle relaxants (Baclofen, Dantrolene, Tizanidine)
- Water for Injection
- Needles and Syringes
- Leg bags, drainage bags, catheters
- Treatments for Osteoporosis
- Dressings
- Barrier Creams

Illness Code E: Haemophilia

- Blood Products

Illness Code F: Diabetes Mellitus

- Insulins
- Sulphonylureas
- Biguanides
- Thiazolidinediones,
- Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor (Acarbose)
- DPP-4 Inhibitors (e.g. Sitagliptin, Saxagliptin, Vildagliptin)
- Nateglinide and Repaglinide
- Liraglutide and Exenatide Injection
- Glucagen Hypokit.
- Dextrose Gel
- Blood glucose test strips, urine test strips etc., (but **not** Meters)
- Insulin needles and syringes.
- Lancets
- Injection swabs
- Control solutions for use with meters.
- Anti-hypertensives, (including Diuretics.)
- Lipid lowering drugs (Statins, Fibrates, Exetimibe,)
- Aspirin
- Warfarin / New Oral Anticoagulants
- Consumable Items required for use with Insulin Pumps

Illness Code G: Diabetes Insipidus

- Potassium supplements, for example Kay-Cee- L syrup, Slow K – tablets.
- Desmopressin tablets/ Injection/nasal spray.

Illness Code H: Epilepsy

- Carbamazepine
- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
- Clobazam
- Clonazepam
- Diazepam
- Ethosuximide
- Gabapentin
- Lacosamide
- Lamotrigine
- Levetiracetam
- Oxycarbazepine
- Phenobarbitone
- Phenytoin
- Pregabalin
- Primidone
- Rufinamide
- Sodium Valproate
- Tiagabine
- Topiramate
- Vigabatrin
- Zonisamide
- Acetazolamide
- Folic Acid
- Midazolam
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Illness Code J: Multiple Sclerosis

- Antibiotics
- Urinary antiseptics
- Naudicelle (Plain or Plus) capsules.
- Antispasmodics / Anticholinergics for urinary frequency
- Corticosteroids
- Laxatives
- Analgesics
- Lamotrigine,
- Pregabalin
- Gabapentin
- Baclofen, Tizanidine, Dantrolene
- Anxiolytics and Hypnotics
- Antidepressants.
- Naltrexone
- Water for injection, Needles and Syringes
- Catheters, Urinary Sheaths
- Leg bags, Drainage bags etc.
- KY jelly
- Disposable gloves
- Instillagel
- 3, 4 Diaminopyridine (Consultant prescription only)
- Treatments for Osteoporosis

Illness Code K: Parkinsonism

- Levodopa
- Anti-cholinergic drugs, (e.g. Procyclidine, Biperiden)
- Dopamine precursor / dopa decarboxylase inhibitor (e.g. Levodopa/Benserazide, Levodopa / Carbidopa)
- Dopamine precursor / dopa decarboxylase inhibitor/COMT inhibitor
- Dopamine Receptor Agonists (e.g. Cabergoline, Pergolide, Pramipexole, Bromocriptine, Ropinirole, Rotigotine)
- Amantadine
- Catechol- O- Methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitors (e.g. Entacapone, Tolcapone)
- Monoamine oxidise- B (MAO-B) inhibitors (e.g. Selegiline, Rasagiline)
- Scopoderm Patches (Consultant prescription required.)
- Apomorphine
- Antidepressants
- Laxatives

Illness Code L: Cystic Fibrosis

- Pancreatic enzymes.
- Ketovite tabs/ liquid.
- Adeks/Aquadeks vitamins, and other prescribed fat-soluble vitamins
- Hepsal, Heprinse, Heplok, Heparin Injections.
- Corticosteroids
- Antibiotics
- Antacids, H2 Antagonists and Proton Pump Inhibitors
- Paracetamol tabs, suspension, elixir, suppositories
- B2 Agonists (inhalers, diskhalers etc., tablets, nebulised.)
- Mucolytics.
- Laxatives.
- Sodium Chloride injection.
- Water for Injection.
- Syringes and Needles etc.
- Disposable gloves, facemasks.
- Giving Sets.
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Illness Code M: Phenylketonuria

- Prescribed Low- protein clinical nutrition products
- Ketovite tabs / liquid.

Illness Code N: Acute Leukaemia

- Antibiotics
- Corsodyl and Oraldene mouthwash.
- Metoclopramide tablets, syrup, injection, suppositories.
- Domperidone tablets, syrup, suppositories
- Oral antifungals
- Anti-ulcer drugs.
- Analgesics (Ibuprofen, Diclofenac, Paracetamol)
- Chemotherapy anti-emetics e.g. Ondansetron, Granisetron
- Folic acid.
- Urinary antiseptics.
- Steroids
- Acyclovir cream, suspension, tablets.
- Famciclovir tabs.
- Valaciclovir tabs.
- Instillagel, EMLA cream.
- Lactulose.
- Hepsal, heprinse, heplock etc.
- Cytotoxic drugs for acute leukaemia.
- Azathioprine tablets.
- Allopurinol tablets
- Syringes and Needles.
- Nasogastric tubes, giving sets.
- Prescribed dressings
- Injection Swabs
- Catheters
- Water for injection.
- Disposable gloves.

Mental Illness (under 16)

- SSRIs (when consultant initiated)
- Methylphenidate (when consultant initiated)
- Modafinil (when consultant initiated)
- Melatonin (when consultant initiated)

Illness Code Q: Spina Bifida

- Laxatives
- Catheters.
- Leg bags, drainage bags,
- Prescribed analgesics
- KY Jelly
- Disposable gloves
- Folic acid
- Urinary antiseptics
- Antibiotics
- Treatment for Osteoporosis
- Dressings
- Barrier Creams

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