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Dear Pharmacist,

As you are aware, the Minister for Health signed the Commencement Order for the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 on 24 June 2013. Set out below are the reference prices for the next groups of interchangeable medicinal products, Bisoprolol, Doxazosin, Perindopril Arginine, Perindopril Arginine / Indapamide, Tolterodine, Valsartan and Valsartan / Hydrochlorothiazide, for which a reference price has been determined by the HSE.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per tablet
Bisoprolol 1.25mg	IC0065-044-014	€2.40		0.0857
Bisoprolol 2.5mg	IC0065-018-014	€1.68		0.0600
Bisoprolol 3.75mg	IC0065-108-014	€3.36		0.1200
Bisoprolol 5mg	IC0065-001-014	€1.96		0.0700
Bisoprolol 7.5mg	IC0065-041-003	€4.20		0.1500
Bisoprolol 10mg	IC0065-002-014	€2.52		0.0900
Doxazosin 4mg SR	IC0021-008-024	€3.68		0.1314
Perindopril Arginine 5mg	IC0002-001-015		€5.18	0.1727
Perindopril Arginine 10mg	IC0002-002-015		€8.46	0.2820
Perindopril Arginine 2.5mg / Indapamide 0.625mg	IC0039-019-003		€6.39	0.2130
Perindopril Arginine 5mg / Indapamide 1.25mg	IC 0039-020-003		€7.14	0.2380
Tolterodine 2mg SR	IC0025-006-032	€15.40		0.5500
Tolterodine 4mg SR	IC0025-008-032	€16.80		0.6000

\*Pro rata prices will apply for different pack sizes where such apply

Product	Group	Price per 28	Price per tablet
Valsartan 40mg	IC0038-004-003	€5.04	0.1800
Valsartan 80mg	IC0038-005-003	€5.32	0.1900
Valsartan 160mg	IC0038-082-003	€6.16	0.2200
Valsartan 320mg	IC0038-083-003	€11.20	0.4000
Valsartan / Hydrochlorothiazide 80mg / 12.5mg	IC0040-081-003	€5.60	0.2000
Valsartan / Hydrochlorothiazide 160mg / 12.5mg	IC0040-077-003	€6.44	0.2300
Valsartan / Hydrochlorothiazide 160mg / 25mg	IC0040-078-003	€6.44	0.2300
Valsartan / Hydrochlorothiazide 320mg / 12.5mg	IC0040-079-003	€14.84	0.5300
Valsartan / Hydrochlorothiazide 320mg / 25mg	IC0040-080-003	€14.84	0.5300

From 1 December 2014, the HSE will reimburse the notified reference price for the relevant interchangeable products detailed above unless informed by the pharmacist that the GP has stated 'Do not substitute' in his/her own handwriting on any prescription presented for dispensing for any of the products in interchangeable groups.

Where a product is prescribed that is within one of the groups of interchangeable medicinal products, having completed the dispensing function, Pharmacists are asked to record how the medical practitioner has prescribed by confirming one of the following:

- a) INN Prescribed
- b) Branded Generic Prescribed
- c) Proprietary Prescribed
- d) Do Not Substitute invoked.

If a patient presents a Non GMS prescription where the prescriber has written 'Do Not Substitute' it is important for the pharmacy to ensure that a photocopy of the prescription is retained so it can be made available to the PCRS as necessary to validate any claim for extra costs arising.

Your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition for patients is requested.

Yours faithfully,



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