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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. In compliance with the legislation, please find set out below the reference prices effective 1st December 2016 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Citalopram Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0073-002-003	€1.96	€0.0700
Citalopram Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0073-003-003	€2.80	€0.1000
Citalopram Tabs. 40 mg.	IC0073-004-003	€5.60	€0.2000

*Pro rata prices will apply for different pack sizes as appropriate

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Escitalopram Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0071-001-015	€3.64	€0.1300
Escitalopram Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0071-002-015	€3.64	€0.1300
Escitalopram Tabs. 15 mg.	IC0071-032-015	€4.76	€0.1700
Escitalopram Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0071-003-015	€6.44	€0.2300

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Losartan Film Coated Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0003-023-003	€2.80	€3.00	€0.1000
Losartan Film Coated Tabs. 100 mg.	IC0003-024-003	€3.92		€0.1400

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Film Coated Tabs. 50/12.5 mg.	IC0031-025-003	€3.08	€0.1100
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Film Coated Tabs. 100/12.5 mg.	IC0031-026-003	€4.20	€0.1500
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Film Coated Tabs. 100/25 mg.	IC0031-027-003	€4.20	€0.1500

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Perindopril Tabs. 2 mg.	IC0002-006-002	€3.00	€0.1000
Perindopril Tabs. 4 mg.	IC0002-008-002	€5.18	€0.1727
Perindopril Tabs. 8 mg.	IC0002-009-002	€8.46	€0.2820

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Quetiapine Film Coated Tabs. 25 mg.	IC0019-022-003	€2.70	€5.40	€0.0900
Quetiapine Film Coated Tabs. 100 mg.	IC0019-024-003		€11.40	€0.1900
Quetiapine Film Coated Tabs. 200 mg.	IC0019-067-003		€17.40	€0.2900
Quetiapine Film Coated Tabs. 300 mg.	IC0019-029-003		€25.20	€0.4200

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Product	Group	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Quetiapine SR Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0019-023-024	€16.20	€0.2700
Quetiapine SR Tabs. 150 mg.	IC0019-062-024	€24.60	€0.4100
Quetiapine SR Tabs. 200 mg.	IC0019-067-024	€31.80	€0.5300
Quetiapine SR Tabs. 300 mg.	IC0019-029-024	€49.80	€0.8300
Quetiapine SR Tabs. 400 mg.	IC0019-068-024	€60.60	€1.0100

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Cap./Tab.
Ramipril Caps./Tabs. 2.5 mg.	IC0016-018-008	€1.96	€2.10	€0.0700
Ramipril Caps./Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0016-001-008	€2.80	€3.00	€0.1000

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per Capsule
Tamsulosin MR/PR Caps. 400 mcg.	IC0024-066-044	€4.50	€0.1500

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Tamsulosin MR/PR Tabs. 400 mcg.	IC0024-066-024	€4.50	€0.1500

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Telmisartan Tabs. 40 mg.	IC0049-004-014	€3.64	€0.1300
Telmisartan Tabs. 80 mg.	IC0049-005-014	€4.48	€0.1600

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Telmisartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 40 mg./12.5 mg.	IC0050-099-014	€5.60	€0.2000
Telmisartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 80 mg./12.5 mg.	IC0050-081-014	€5.88	€0.2100
Telmisartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 80 mg./25 mg.	IC0050-100-014	€5.88	€0.2100

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Capsule
Tolterodine PR Caps. 2 mg.	IC0025-006-032	€10.08	€0.3600
Tolterodine PR Caps. 4 mg.	IC0025-008-032	€10.08	€0.3600

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Valsartan Tabs. 40 mg.	IC0038-004-003	€4.20	€0.1500
Valsartan Tabs. 80 mg.	IC0038-005-003	€3.36	€0.1200
Valsartan Tabs. 160 mg.	IC0038-082-003	€4.20	€0.1500
Valsartan Tabs. 320 mg.	IC0038-083-003	€8.40	€0.3000

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Valsartan Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 80 mg./12.5 mg.	IC0040-081-003	€3.92	€0.1400
Valsartan Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 160 mg./12.5 mg.	IC0040-077-003	€4.48	€0.1600
Valsartan Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 160 mg./25 mg.	IC0040-078-003	€4.48	€0.1600

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Product	Group	Price per 7*	Price per 10*	Price per 14*	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Cap./Tab.
Venlafaxine PR Caps./Tabs. 37.5 mg.	IC0026-063-030	€1.12			€4.48		€0.1600
Venlafaxine PR Caps./Tabs. 75 mg.	IC0026-028-030			€1.68	€3.36	€3.60	€0.1200
Venlafaxine PR Caps./Tabs. 150 mg.	IC0026-062-030		€2.00		€5.60	€6.00	€0.2000

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From 1 December 2016, 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 co-operation in ensuring a smooth transition for patients is requested.

Yours faithfully,



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