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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, Simvastatin, Rabeprazole, Losartan and Anastrozole for which a reference price has been determined by the HSE.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per tab/cap
Simvastatin 10mg	IC0018-002-003	€2.52	€0.0900
Simvastatin 20mg	IC0018-003-003	€3.47	€0.1239
Simvastatin 40mg	IC0018-004-003	€5.04	€0.1800
Rabeprazole 10mg	IC0015-002-005	€4.76	€0.1700
Rabeprazole 20mg	IC0015-003-005	€8.40	€0.3000
Losartan 50mg	IC0003-023-003	€5.04	€0.1800
Losartan 100mg	IC0003-024-003	€8.40	€0.3000
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide 50/12.5mg	IC0031-025-003	€5.04	€0.1800
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide 100/12.5mg	IC0031-026-003	€8.68	€0.3100
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide 100/25mg	IC0031-027-003	€8.68	€0.3100
Anastrozole 1mg	IC0011-039-003	€28.00	€1.0000

*ProRata Prices will apply for different pack sizes where such apply.

From 1 May 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:

- INN Prescribed
- Branded Generic Prescribed
- Proprietary Prescribed
- 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,

Patrick Burke
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