



19th January 2026

Circular 006/26

RE: Common Conditions Service

Dear Pharmacist,

As part of the Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025, the Common Conditions Service permits trained pharmacists to prescribe for certain conditions in the community pharmacy setting. Further information can be found on the HSE website at [Common Conditions Service - HSE.ie](http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/pcrs/common_conditions_service.htm).

From January 2026, reimbursement is supported for the Common Conditions Service for those patients with eligibility under Community Drug Schemes (e.g. GMS and DPS) who are prescribed products on the Reimbursement List contained within the published protocols (Schedule 13 of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2025, as amended sets out the medicines that pharmacists are permitted to prescribe). Where pharmacies commenced earlier than the official launch, PCRS will facilitate December 2025 claims.

There is no separate scheme for the purposes of reimbursement. Reimbursement support is through the patient's existing eligibility. Therefore, claims are submitted under GMS or DPS in the normal manner each month for payment of ingredient cost and dispensing fee. Pharmacists will be required when claiming to identify the prescriber as the pharmacy contract number. The pharmacy GMS contract number where the prescribing occurred must be inserted in the prescriber field when submitting claims to PCRS for payment. Please note that consultation fees do not fall under reimbursement arrangements.

There are no changes to the existing reimbursement rules under Community Drug Schemes and arrangements. A prescription is required in all cases to support all claims. Pharmacist prescriptions must be in line with legislative requirements. GMS prescription pads are not required and will not be provided to community pharmacy contractors.

Where a product is not available on the Reimbursement List (e.g. Exempt Medicinal Product), community pharmacy contractors can contact PCRS via email to PCRS.ExemptMed@hse.ie to confirm reimbursement support.

PCRS will continue to monitor and inspect pharmacies to verify the reasonableness of claims and ensure compliance with contract. In the event that any individual has concerns they should be identified to PCRS at PCRS.ProbityPharm@hse.ie.

Yours faithfully,

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