



29th March 2022

Circular 007/22

Ukrainian Nationals and Access to Essential Medicines under Community Drug Schemes

Dear Pharmacist,

As an interim measure, while Ukrainian Nationals are processed for medical cards in their own right as individuals, each CHO has been issued with a generic medical card so that pharmacy claims can be seamlessly reimbursed for essential medicines and costed back accurately to the crisis. Please find the CHO map here <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/healthy-ireland/hospital-groups/cho-area-map-with-hospital-groups1.pdf>.

Once the person has obtained their PPSN, they can apply for a medical card in their own right. These generic numbers cover items on the GMS Reimbursement List in the same manner as a standard medical card. Products with an approval process in place (e.g. Entresto, FreeStyle Libre, Fampridine) need to be applied for in the normal manner. OTC products are not covered under medical cards. When a person has their own individual medical card, products without a reimbursement code can be applied for under Discretionary Hardship Arrangements and considered. Generic cards cannot be used for this arrangement.

If you have any queries please email pharmacy.response@hse.ie or contact the Pharmacy Function Unit at 01-8647100.

CARD NO	EXPIRE DATE	CHO
2K66601A	31032023	CHO1
2K71191A	31032023	CHO2
2K71209A	31032023	CHO3
2K71218A	31032023	CHO4
2K71254A	31032023	CHO5
2K71245A	31032023	CHO6
2K71263A	31032023	CHO7
2K71272A	31032023	CHO8
2K71290A	31032023	CHO9

Yours faithfully,

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