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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 group of interchangeable medicinal products, Sildenafil for which a reference price has been determined by the HSE.

Product	Interchangeable Group	Reference Price per 4	Reference Price per tablet
Sildenafil 25mg film coated tabs / tabs	IC0063-022-014	€1.33	€0.3325
Sildenafil 50mg orodispersible tabs	IC0063-023-004	€1.41	€0.3525
Sildenafil 50mg film coated tabs / chewable tabs / tabs	IC0063-023-013	€1.41	€0.3525
Sildenafil 100mg film coated tabs / chewable tabs / tabs	IC0063-024-013	€1.51	€0.3775

From 1 August 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Burke', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Burke
Primary Care Reimbursement Service