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**Re: Community Schemes Control**

Dear Pharmacist,

As you already know, the Health Service Executive (HSE) faces a significant challenge in the current financial environment to deliver services in a way that will minimise any adverse impact on patients and to continue to protect, as far as possible, the most vulnerable.

The PCRS conducts regular reviews of claims presented for reimbursement, to ensure the accuracy and reasonableness of these claims, as set out under the existing administrative arrangements, Circulars and the Community Pharmacy Contractor Agreement.

The results of such reviews can be:

- *Claims are compliant* – The HSE has satisfied itself that the claims are accurate and reasonable at this time. No action is required by the pharmacy contractor; or
- *Warning notice anomalies identified in claims submitted:* – The HSE has identified anomalies in the claims and remedial action is now required by the pharmacy contractor within the specified timeframe. Failure to do so may result in further action being taken by the HSE PCRS.

In due course, the PCRS will increase the frequency of communications to individual Community Pharmacies regarding these reviews.

I refer to previous circulars in this regard 19/07, 20/08, 07/09 and trust that the HSE will receive your full co-operation in discharging our responsibilities to the taxpayer.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke  
HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service