



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Seirbhísí Comhroinnte Airgeadais
Seirbhís Aisioca Príomhchúraim
Bealach amach 5 an M50
An Bóthar Thuaidh
Fionnghlas
Baile Átha Cliath 11

Guthán: (01) 864 7100
Facs: (01) 834 3589

Health Service Executive
Finance Shared Services



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Circular No. 015/09

20th October 2009

Re: Tamiflu Capsules and Suspension

Dear Pharmacist,

The HSE appreciates the role of pharmacists in supplying Tamiflu (oseltamivir) Capsules to patients, distributed free-of-charge from the national stockpile, as prescriptions are presented in community pharmacies. For those unable to swallow a capsule, it is possible to open a Tamiflu Capsule to utilise the contents as a dose. Please refer to the Tamiflu Capsules package leaflet for information in this regard. Patients aged less than 1 year will require an oral suspension for which final European Medicines Evaluation Agency advice is awaited. Further communication regarding the oral suspension will issue in due course. This circular details the claiming arrangements for Tamiflu Capsules.

Tamiflu Capsules

Pharmacists should enter the GMS Code Number for the relevant strength of Tamiflu Capsules and the quantity supplied on the GMS prescription form or claim form, depending on the Scheme, in order to receive the appropriate dispensing fee (ingredient cost reimbursement does not arise).

Tamiflu Capsules 30mg 10 – GMS code 46632

Tamiflu Capsules 45mg 10 – GMS code 46651

Tamiflu Capsules 75mg 10 – GMS code 46594

When further stocks are required, the HSE has made arrangements with United Drug to supply Community Pharmacies. The attached request form, which you should photocopy for future use, should be used in these circumstances.

Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke,
Assistant National Director
Primary Care Reimbursement Service