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Dear Pharmacist,

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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. In compliance with the legislation, please find set out below the reference prices effective 1 July 2017 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 100*	Price per 250*	Price per 500*	Price per Tablet
Flucloxacillin Caps. 250 mg.	IC0089-130-001	€4.54	€16.20	€40.50	€81.00	€0.1620
Flucloxacillin Caps. 500 mg.	IC0089-117-001	€8.51	€30.41	€76.03	€152.05	€0.3041

\*Pro rata prices will apply for different pack sizes as appropriate

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Levocetirizine Film Coated Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0095-001-003	€3.36	€3.60	€0.1200

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Product	Group	Price per 10*	Price per 30*	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Ranitidine Film Coated Tabs./Effervescent Tabs. 150 mg.	IC0087-062-051		€2.40	€4.80	€0.0800
Ranitidine Film Coated Tabs./Effervescent Tabs. 300 mg.	IC0087-029-051	€1.60	€4.80		€0.1600

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Product	Group	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Tramadol/Paracetamol Film Coated Tabs./Tabs. 37.5 mg./325 mg.	IC0077-133-014	€4.00	€0.0666

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From 1 July 2017, 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 co-operation in ensuring a smooth transition for patients is requested.

Yours faithfully,



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