



Circular 001/22

1st January 2022

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. In compliance with the legislation, please find set out below the reference prices effective 1st February 2022 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

Product	Group	Price per 4*	Price per Tablet
Alendronic Acid Tabs. 70 mg.	IC0051-101-002	€4.32	€1.08

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

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Aripiprazole Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0092-001-002	€13.61	€0.4860
Aripiprazole Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0092-002-056	€18.14	€0.6478
Aripiprazole Tabs. 15 mg.	IC0092-032-056	€19.66	€0.7021
Aripiprazole Tabs. 30 mg.	IC0092-033-056	€30.24	€1.0800

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Atorvastatin Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0001-002-003	€2.12	€2.27	€0.0757
Atorvastatin Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0001-003-003	€3.02	€3.24	€0.1079
Atorvastatin Tabs. 40 mg.	IC0001-004-003	€3.93	€4.21	€0.1404
Atorvastatin Tabs. 80 mg.	IC0001-005-003	€6.35	€6.80	€0.2268

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Candesartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Tabs. 16 mg./12.5 mg.	IC0029-036-002	€3.93	€4.21	€0.1404

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per 90*	Price per Tablet
Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Caps. 0.5 mg./0.4 mg.	IC0036-065-001	€8.55	€25.65	€0.2850

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0071-001-003	€2.72	€0.0971
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0071-002-003	€3.02	€0.1079
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs. 15 mg.	IC0071-032-003	€3.93	€0.1404
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0071-003-003	€5.44	€0.1943

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Film Coated Tabs. 100 mg./25 mg.	IC0031-027-003	€3.02	€0.1079

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Product	Group	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0019-023-024	€11.02	€0.1837
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 200 mg.	IC0019-067-024	€24.62	€0.4103
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 300 mg.	IC0019-029-024	€32.40	€0.5400
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 400 mg.	IC0019-068-024	€42.12	€0.7020

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per 98*	Price Per 500*	Price Per Tablet
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0006-001-003	€2.72	€9.52	€48.55	€0.0971
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0006-002-003	€4.23		€75.55	€0.1511
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0006-003-003	€6.05		€108.05	€0.2161
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 40 mg.	IC0006-004-003	€10.58			€0.3779

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Tamsulosin Modified/Prolonged Release Tabs. 400 mcg.	IC0024-066-024	€3.89	€0.1297
Tamsulosin Modified/Prolonged Release Caps. 400 mcg.	IC0024-066-044	€3.89	€0.1297

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From 1 February 2022, 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. As per Circular 16/20, during the COVID 19 emergency, where the prescriber wishes the patient to access the proprietary product rather than the reference priced generic alternative, 'Do Not Substitute' can be computer generated on the prescription rather than in the prescriber's own handwriting.

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 with a non-GMS prescription, 'Do Not Substitute' must be written on the prescription by the prescriber or stated on the prescription for the duration of the current pandemic. It is important for the pharmacy to ensure that a copy 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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