



Circular 032/21

14th December 2021

**Re: Drugs Payment Scheme**

Dear Pharmacist,

I wish to advise you that the Minister for Health, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, has made regulations cited as Health Services (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI 595) to decrease the threshold for prescription medicines under the Drugs Payment Scheme effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**Drugs Payment Scheme**

A decrease in the threshold from €114.00 to €100.00 for prescription medicines under the Drugs Payment Scheme will also come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. No individual or family will have to pay more than €100.00 in any calendar month for approved drugs, medicines and appliances for use by that person or his/her family in that month.

The fastest way to apply for DPS eligibility is by submitting an application online at [www.mydps.ie](http://www.mydps.ie). Application forms are available from Community Health Organisations or on [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie). Alternatively, pharmacists can assist eligible families by completing the emergency registration process.

Yours sincerely,

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