



Circular 019/23

1st June 2023

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 24th June 2013. In compliance with the legislation, please find set out below the reference prices effective 1st July 2023 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Amlodipine Caps./Tabs. 5 mg. | IC0045-001-008 | €1.51 | €1.62 | €0.054 |
| Amlodipine Caps./Tabs. 10 mg. | IC0045-002-008 | €2.12 | €2.27 | €0.0756 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per Tablet |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Anastrozole Film Coated Tabs. 1 mg. | IC0011-039-003 | €14.52 | €0.5186 |

*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 | €10.58 | €0.3778 |
| Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg. | IC0092-002-056 | €16.03 | €0.5725 |
| Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 15 mg. | IC0092-032-056 | €16.33 | €0.5832 |

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| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Atorvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg. | IC0001-002-003 | €1.81 | €1.94 | €0.0647 |
| Atorvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 40 mg. | IC0001-004-003 | €3.63 | €3.89 | €0.1297 |

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| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 100* | Price per Tablet |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Donepezil Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg. | IC0062-002-015 | €11.19 | €39.96 | €0.3996 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Duloxetine Gastro-Resistant Caps. 30 mg. | IC0091-033-006 | €5.14 | €0.1836 |
| Duloxetine Gastro-Resistant Caps. 60 mg. | IC0091-127-006 | €7.86 | €0.2807 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 7* | Price per 14* | Price per 28* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Esomeprazole Gastro-Resistant Caps./Tabs. 20 mg. | IC0004-003-016 | €0.83 | €1.66 | €3.33 | €0.1189 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 14* | Price per 28* | Price per Tablet |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Lansoprazole Gastro-Resistant Caps./Orodispersible Tabs. 30 mg. | IC0008-033-033 | €2.27 | €4.54 | €0.1621 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Letrozole Film Coated Tabs. 2.5 mg. | IC0117-018-003 | €20.26 | €21.71 | €0.7237 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Losartan Film Coated Tabs. 50 mg. | IC0003-023-003 | €2.42 | €2.59 | €0.0864 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Olanzapine Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 20 mg. | IC0007-003-038 | €24.49 | €0.8746 |

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| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Pantoprazole Gastro-Resistant Tabs. 20 mg. | IC0013-003-005 | €2.12 | €2.27 | €0.0757 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 14* | Price per 56* | Price per 84* | Price per Tablet |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Pregabalin Caps. 25 mg. | IC0110-022-001 | €1.06 | €4.23 | €6.35 | €0.0756 |
| Pregabalin Caps. 100 mg. | IC0110-024-001 | | | €16.33 | €0.1944 |
| Pregabalin Caps. 150 mg. | IC0110-062-001 | | €11.49 | | €0.2052 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 60* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 50 mg. | IC0019-023-024 | €10.37 | €0.1728 |
| Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 200 mg. | IC0019-067-024 | €23.98 | €0.3997 |
| Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 300 mg. | IC0019-029-024 | €30.46 | €0.5077 |

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| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Rasagiline Tabs.1 mg. | IC0112-039-002 | €24.49 | €26.24 | €0.8747 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 30* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe Caps./Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg./10 mg. | IC0111-017-009 | €13.93 | €0.4643 |
| Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe Caps./Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg./10 mg. | IC0111-061-009 | €15.55 | €0.5183 |
| Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe Caps./Film Coated Tabs. 40 mg./10 mg. | IC0111-093-009 | €19.12 | €0.6373 |

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| Product | Group | Price per 28* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Telmisartan Film Coated Tabs./Tabs. 40 mg. | IC0049-004-014 | €3.02 | €0.1078 |
| Telmisartan Film Coated Tabs./Tabs. 80 mg. | IC0049-005-014 | €3.93 | €0.1403 |

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| Product | Group | Price per 5* | Price per Tablet |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Temozolomide Caps.140 mg. | IC0080-134-001 | €172.80 | €34.56 |

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

| Product | Group | Price per 7* | Price per 28* | Price per 56* | Price per Tablet |
|--|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Venlafaxine Prolonged Release Caps./Tabs. 37.5 mg. | IC0026-063-030 | €0.98 | €3.93 | €7.86 | €0.1403 |

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From 1st July 2023, 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 Healthmail prescription, 'Do Not Substitute' must be stated clearly on the prescription by the prescriber against the particular product. It is important for the pharmacy to ensure that a copy of the prescription is retained and made available to the PCRS as necessary for audit/review to validate any claim for extra costs arising.

Your co-operation in ensuring a smooth transition for patients is requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Flanagan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shaun Flanagan,
Primary Care Reimbursement & Eligibility.