



Circular 021/18

29 June 2018

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 August 2018 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	€1.68	€1.80	€0.0600
Amlodipine Caps./Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0045-002-008	€2.52	€2.70	€0.0900

*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	€15.40	€0.55

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0092-002-056	€21.00	€0.7500
Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 15 mg.	IC0092-032-056	€22.40	€0.8000

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per 30*	Price Per Tablet
Bisoprolol Film Coated Tabs./Tabs. 2.5 mg	IC0065-018-014	€1.40		€0.0500
Bisoprolol Film Coated Tabs./Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0065-001-014	€1.40	€1.50	€0.0500
Bisoprolol Film Coated Tabs./Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0065-002-014	€2.24	€2.40	€0.0800

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Product	Group	Price Per 14*	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Candesartan Tabs. 8 mg.	IC0009-009-002		€3.36	€0.1200
Candesartan Tabs. 16 mg.	IC0009-038-002	€1.96	€3.92	€0.1400

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Product	Group	Price Per 7*	Price Per Tablet
Clarithromycin Prolonged Release Tabs./Modified Release Tabs. 500 mg.	IC0072-117-050	€5.39	€0.7700

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per 30*	Price Per 100*	Price Per Tablet
Clonidine Film Coated Tabs. 75 mg.	IC0005-028-003	€3.92	€4.20	€14.00	€0.1400

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0071-001-015	€3.08	€0.1100
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0071-002-015	€3.36	€0.1200
Escitalopram Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0071-003-015	€6.16	€0.2200

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per 30*	Price Per Tablet
Fluoxetine Caps. 20 mg.	IC0075-003-001	€3.08	€3.30	€0.1100
Fluoxetine Caps. 60 mg.	IC0075-127-001		€9.90	€0.3300

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Losartan Film Coated Tabs. 100 mg.	IC0003-024-003	€3.64	€0.1300

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Film Coated Tabs. 50/12.5 mg.	IC0031-025-003	€2.80	€0.1000
Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Film Coated Tabs. 100/25 mg.	IC0031-027-003	€3.92	€0.1400

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Montelukast Chewable Tabs. 4 mg.	IC0023-008-007	€5.04	€0.1800
Montelukast Chewable Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0023-001-007	€5.32	€0.1900

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Montelukast Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0023-002-003	€5.88	€0.2100

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per 30*	Price Per 60*	Price Per Tablet
Paroxetine Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0076-002-003	€6.57	€7.04		€0.2346
Paroxetine Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0076-003-003	€6.16	€6.60	€13.20	€0.2200
Paroxetine Film Coated Tabs. 30 mg.	IC0076-033-003		€11.01		€0.3670

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Product	Group	Price Per 60*	Price Per Tablet
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0019-023-024	€13.20	€0.2200
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 200 mg.	IC0019-067-024	€27.00	€0.4500
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 300 mg.	IC0019-029-024	€37.80	€0.6300
Quetiapine Prolonged Release Tabs. 400 mg.	IC0019-068-024	€51.00	€0.8500

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per 30*	Price Per Tablet
Ramipril Caps./Tabs 5 mg.	IC0016-001-008	€2.52	€2.70	€0.0900
Ramipril Caps./Tabs 10 mg.	IC0016-002-008	€3.36	€3.60	€0.1200

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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	€3.36	€11.76	€60.00	€0.1200
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0006-002-003	€4.76		€85.00	€0.1700
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0006-003-003	€7.84		€140.00	€0.2800
Rosuvastatin Film Coated Tabs. 40 mg.	IC0006-004-003	€11.48			€0.4100

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Product	Group	Price Per 90*	Price Per Tablet
Sildenafil Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0063-003-003	€203.41	€2.2601

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Product	Group	Price Per 5*	Price Per Tablet
Temozolomide Caps. 100 mg.	IC0080-024-001	€120.60	€24.1200
Temozolomide Caps. 140 mg.	IC0080-134-001	€216.00	€43.2000

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Tolterodine Prolonged Release Caps. 2 mg.	IC0025-006-032	€7.84	€0.2800

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Product	Group	Price Per 30*	Price Per 100*	Price Per Tablet
Tramadol Caps./Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0074-023-008	€1.94	€6.48	€0.0648

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From 1 August 2018, 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,

Anne Marie Hoey,
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