

Circular 004/17

28 February 2017

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 April 2017 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 100*	Price per Tablet
Donepezil Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0062-001-015	€8.40	€30.00	€0.3000
Donepezil Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0062-002-015	€12.04	€43.00	€0.4300

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

Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per Capsule
Fluoxetine Caps. 60 mg.	IC0075-127-001	€10.80	€0.3600

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per 56*	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Gliclazide Prolonged Release Tabs. /Modified Release Tabs. 30 mg.	IC0086-033-050		€3.28	€3.52	€0.0586
Gliclazide Modified Release Tabs. 60 mg.	IC0086-127-021	€3.65			€0.1216

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 56*	Price per Tablet
Memantine Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0022-002-003		€13.44	€0.2400
Memantine Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0022-003-003	€13.44		€0.4800

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Mirtazapine Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 30 mg.	IC0061-033-015	€4.48	€4.80	€0.1600
Mirtazapine Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 45 mg.	IC0061-110-015		€7.80	€0.2600

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Granule
Montelukast Granules 4 mg.	IC0023-008-041	€12.32	€0.4400

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Product	Group	Price Per 28*	Price Per Tablet
Montelukast Chewable Tabs. 4 mg.	IC0023-008-007	€5.61	€0.2000
Montelukast Chewable Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0023-001-007	€6.16	€0.2200
Montelukast Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0023-002-003	€6.16	€0.2200

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Product	Group	Price per 15*	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Sertraline Film Coated Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0064-023-003		€3.08	€3.30	€0.1100
Sertraline Film Coated Tabs. 100 mg.	IC0064-024-003	€2.40	€4.48	€4.80	€0.1600

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Product	Group	Price per 30*	Price per 60*	Price per 100*	Price per Cap./ Tab.
Tramadol Caps./Tabs. 50 mg.	IC0074-023-008	€2.10	€4.20	€7.00	€0.0700
Tramadol Prolonged Release Caps./Tabs. 100 mg.	IC0074-024-030		€8.65		€0.1441
Tramadol Prolonged Release Caps./ Tabs. 150 mg.	IC0074-062-030		€13.48		€0.2246
Tramadol Prolonged Release Caps./ Tabs. 200 mg.	IC0074-067-030		€17.96		€0.2993

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From 1 April 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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