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Dear Pharmacist

As you are aware the High Tech Drug Arrangements provide for the supply of high-tech medicines through Community Pharmacies. Medicines are purchased by the HSE and supplied through Community Pharmacies for which pharmacies are paid a patient care fee by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service. Only patients with established eligibility under the General Medical Services Scheme, DPS Scheme, HAA and Long Term Illness Scheme should be supplied with these medicines.

Patient eligibility can be verified using the 'Secure Checker' which is accessible 24 hours a day under the Eligibility Confirmation tab on the 'Pharmacy Application Suite'.

If a situation arises whereby the presenting patient does not hold a valid Health ID and the patient is ordinarily resident within the state, an online application is available on the Pharmacy Application Suite named "Emergency DPS". Please note while this process will facilitate DPS eligibility, this is on a temporary basis only and failure on behalf of the patient to register for the DPS Scheme will result in the patient losing DPS eligibility 3 months from the date of application.

Further information regarding DPS can also be accessed through <u>www.medicalcard.ie</u> or LoCall 1890 252 919.

Those participating in the High Tech Arrangement are obliged to complete end of year stock take in a timely manner for inclusion in HSE Annual Financial Accounts.

Yours sincerely

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