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Re Medicines for Termination of Pregnancy Services

Dear Pharmacist,

As you are aware, enactment of legislation is anticipated shortly to allow for the provision of Termination of Pregnancy (ToP) Services by the HSE in the community setting.

To deliver the service as agreed with the Irish Clinical Community, there will be two medicinal products (Mifepristone and Misoprostol) available under the Stock Order system for GPs and designated centres to order from Community Pharmacies directly.

Product	Administrative Code
Mifegyne (mifepristone) - 3 x 200mg oral tablets	56697
Mifegyne (mifepristone) - 1 x 600mg oral tablet	56698
MisoOne (Misoprostol) 400mcg (1 tab)	56696

Mifepristone is currently licensed in Ireland and Misoprostol will be available as an Exempt Medicinal Product with licensing anticipated early in 2019. While the medical practitioner may choose to use the Mifepristone 600mg, it is more likely that a 200mg dose will be used in the Irish setting. Where this occurs, a higher dose of Misoprostol (800mcg) will be required to complete the procedure.

A blue stock order form will be used by the GP or designated centres to order products from a community pharmacy. Only those approved providers of service have been circulated with the blue stock order forms. If you receive one of these from a GP or designated centre in your locality, please forward it to PCRS at [pharmacy.response@hse.ie](mailto:pharmacy.response@hse.ie) so that you can be authorised by the HSE to access ToP products from Allphar. This is an essential part of the process so you should forward the stock order form to PCRS at the earliest opportunity when you receive a request to supply from a practitioner in your area. Allphar will not deliver product in the absence of authorisation from the HSE.

Further to supplying the requested ToP products to the GP surgery, the stock order form should be coded and submitted to the Primary Care Reimbursement Service for reimbursement as an exception at the end of the month.

Irish Clinical Guidelines on the use of these products will be published on the HSE website shortly.

Yours faithfully

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