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PQ: 4461/19

To ask the Minister for Health the reason prescriptions issued by hospitals are not valid on medical cards unless reissued by the green form system by the general practitioner of the person; if his attention has been drawn to the undue stress this causes elderly and ill persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard Boyd Barrett.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 4461 /19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

It is important to ensure that the General Practitioner for whom the HSE pays capitation fees for their care of a person with Medical Card Eligibility is kept informed expeditiously of any update to treatment plans for patients under their care. It is against that backdrop that it is considered appropriate for a patient to return to their GP to get their hospital prescription written up on a GMS prescription before presenting it to the community pharmacy of their choice. However, where the GP practice is closed, the Hospital Emergency Scheme is available whereby a week's supply can be provided to the patient by the dispensing pharmacy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kieran Healy'.

Kieran Healy
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