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PQ: 26649 /19

To ask the Minister for Health the grants or rebate schemes available to help persons diagnosed with COPD with the cost of running oxygen machines and other electrical appliances required as part of their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Paul Kehoe

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 26649/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A co-payment amounting to €124 is payable under the Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS) and is set out in Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 59 of 2019 Health Services (Amendment) Regulations 2019. Where the cost of supplying a person registered under the DPS (and his or her dependents) with approved drugs, medicines and appliances, such as the rental of a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine or Oxygen, exceeds the amount of €124 in a calendar month, the HSE will reimburse the amount by which the cost exceeds €124.

Refunds, where due, can be obtained by submitting an application form (<https://www2.hse.ie/file-library/drugs-payment-scheme/drugs-payment-scheme-refund-form.pdf>) to the DPS Refunds Community Pharmacy, PO Box 12012, Dublin 11 and attaching pharmacy prescription claim forms together with paid supplier's invoices for the same calendar month.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kieran Healy
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