



Ms. Louise O'Reilly, T.D.  
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Kildare Street,  
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11<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

PQ: 27253/19

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of lowering the drugs payment scheme monthly threshold by amounts (details supplied) in tabular form -Louise O'Reilly**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 27253/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service (PCERS) undertakes reimbursement on foot of claims submitted by Primary Care Contractors (General Practitioners, Community Pharmacies, Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists) that operate under a contract for service in the provision of services to persons with valid eligibility under the General Medical Service (GMS) scheme and the Community Drugs schemes. Detailed reports are regularly published through an online portal <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/pcrs/pcrs-publications/> dealing with various aspects of the PCERS business functions.

The HSE PCERS remit does not extend to the provision of financial analysis, based on the various scenarios involving the provision of an expanded range of services outside that encompassed by legislation and the provisions expressly referenced in existing contracts for service with Primary Care Contractors.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kieran Healy  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service