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PQ: 11227/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of unlicensed medicines dispensed on the medical card scheme and on the discretionary hardship arrangements scheme in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John Brassil

Dear Deputy Brassil,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 11227/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The number of unlicensed medicines (listed with an administrative unique drug code) that were dispensed in 2017 to persons with Medical Card eligibility and to persons approved under the Discretionary Hardship scheme is as follows:

Medical Card scheme (administrative code) : 227
Discretionary Hardship scheme: 62

Note: The information provided is based on claim data which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only. This data does not capture items dispensed outside of community drug schemes where the prescription has been paid for privately by the patient or patient representative.

Yours sincerely,

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