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PQ: 13610/19

To ask the Minister for Health if it is required by the HSE that medication not be put into a single blister pack for medical card patients by pharmacists -Thomas Byrne.

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 13610/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Department of Health has never agreed to fund a blister packing service under the GMS scheme. However, when a patient requires a phased dispensing service such that the patient is not in a position to safely hold the totality of their month's requirement of medicines, some pharmacies choose to dispense the patient's medicines in monitored dosage systems / Blister packs. It should be noted that not all medicines can be dispensed in blister packs due to the packaging restrictions required to keep the formulation composition intact.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kieran Healy'.

Kieran Healy
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