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To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications awaiting approval under the HSE community ophthalmic services scheme for medical card patients in counties Galway and Roscommon to date in 2019; the waiting period for the approval of applications under the scheme for medical card patients in the counties in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

	LOA/1 Medical Card Sight Testing Scheme Applications awaiting consideration	Waiting period for approval of applications
Galway City/West County Galway/North County Galway	103	Within 5-28 working days.
East County Galway/ South County Galway	750	Undetermined at present due to recent replacement of staff member.
Roscommon	241	2 Weeks

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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