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Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ: 38365/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued to medical card holders for oxycodone in each of the years 2009 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Gino Kenny

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 38365/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The following table outlines the number of prescriptions issued in each of the years 2009 to 2008 and to date in 2019.

Atc	ATC Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 Jan to
N02AA05	Oxycodone	57,043	63,434	70,677	75,840	79,646	82,557	85,756	90,528	93,890	95,457	41,698
N02AA55	Oxycodone, Combinations	0	499	6,550	13,399	18,853	22,596	27,373	32,558	36,567	38,652	16,246

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.

Yours sincerely,

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Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service