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Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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8<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

PQ: 38367 /19

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued to medical card holders for fentanyl 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 38367/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

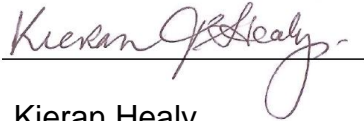
The following table outlines the number of prescriptions issued in each of the years 2009 to 2008 and to date in 2019.

Year	No of Prescriptions
2009	53,086
2010	56,150
2011	58,086
2012	58,623
2013	57,714
2014	55,175
2015	54,374
2016	54,987
2017	53,069
2018	52,628
2019 Jan to May	21,789

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Healy', written over a horizontal line.

Kieran Healy  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service