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PQ: 17769/20

To ask the Minister for Health if medical cards will be granted for applicants denied under the new threshold without forcing them to start an appeal process again if they qualify under new thresholds - Sean Sherlock.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 17769/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE notes that having considered the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020, the President has signed the Bill and it has accordingly become law.

Applications for eligibility received on/after 4th August 2020 in respect of persons aged 70 years and older, that are processed under the Gross scheme of assessment and meet the revised gross income limit applicable for the grant of eligibility, are placed 'on hold' pending the receipt by the HSE of a Commencement Order from the Minister for Health to give effect to the provisions of the legislation.

As such, applicants whose gross income falls over the respective €500/€900 per week limits and under the respective gross income limits €550/€1,050 per week limits will not have to re-apply for eligibility / engage in the Appeal process

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Kieran Healy'.

Kieran Healy
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service