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PQ: 32956/20

**To ask the Minister for Health if food supplements and gluten free products will be covered under the medical card scheme in view of the fact that these products can be expensive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin.**

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 32956/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There are no plans to introduce reimbursement of food supplements and gluten free products under community drug schemes. These products were removed from the GMS Reimbursement List in 2012 and included Glucosamine; Gluten Free Products; Orlistat; Omega-3-Triglycerides (Circular 16/12 attached).

Yours sincerely,

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**The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: [Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie](mailto:Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie)**