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Deputy Mark Ward

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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PQ ref 35363/20 - *To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that are on tysabri infusions every six weeks for multiple sclerosis in St. James's Hospital are now been treated as day patients which results in an €80 charge for each treatment for this lifelong condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Ward,

Section 53C of the Health Act 1970 provides that the current public hospital statutory day case or inpatient charge is €80 per day, subject to a maximum of €800 in any twelve consecutive months and a number of exemptions. See below.

Therefore, if a patient is admitted to a hospital as a day case or inpatient for acute treatment and does not fall under any of the exemptions listed below, he/she is liable for the daily charge.

- Medical card holders
- People receiving treatment for prescribed infectious diseases - including coronavirus (COVID-19)
- People who are subject to 'long stay' charges
- Children referred for treatment from child health clinics and school board examinations
- People who are entitled to hospital services because of EU Regulations
- Women receiving maternity services



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- Children up to 6 weeks of age
- People with Hepatitis C who have a Health Amendment Act Card
- People who are part of the Redress Scheme for women resident in certain institutions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Dalton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Ms. Ann Dalton

Deputy CEO