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To ask the Minister for Health the current policy with regard to the reimbursement for purchase or rental of a CPAP machine; the cost of reimbursing a purchase; the annual average cost of reimbursing a rental; the average length of time a patient has been reimbursed for renting such a machine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 15161/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The DPS Refund Scheme do not refund for purchase of CPAP machine. Only rental of the machine is refundable. The cost differs depending on type of machine. The average cost per annum is \leq 1,300 per person based on 2018 – 2020. Usually if a person is put on a CPAP device they will remain on it for the duration of their life.

Yours sincerely,

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