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To ask the Minister for Health if there is a scheme under which a patient who has been prescribed a device (details supplied) can be reimbursed for the cost of the rental of the machine; if the machine is available under the non-medical card item and hardship scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Noel Grealish

Dear Deputy Grealish,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 445321/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Arrangements for the supply of equipment such as nebulisers are provided to GMS Holders under Aids and Appliances arrangements at local level. Equipment (i.e. appliances with a longevity of greater than one month) are not funded by PCRS.

The Community Drugs Schemes including discretionary Hardship arrangements are intended for the supply of medicines and consumable appliances (such as lancets and needles) through community pharmacies

Yours sincerely,

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