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To ask the Minister for Health the governance structure of the two separate schemes being used by the HSE to fund the same respiratory sleep therapy services including continuous positive airway pressure therapy including procurement controls, comparative value-for-money and policy reviews, comparative cost-benefit analyses or comparative cost-effective analyses which have been performed, if any, to ensure that the public spending code is adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 35682/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There are not two schemes in operation for the provision of respiratory sleep therapy services including continuous positive airway pressure therapy (CPAP). Currently there is one scheme in place for the provision of respiratory sleep therapy services to eligible (as set out in the Health Act 1970) persons. In such cases eligible persons will be provided with the required equipment and services by approved companies who have been contracted by means of a competitive procurement process.

Persons who do not have full eligibility i.e. who have limited eligibility have to make their own arrangements for the provision of this type of equipment and services. As is the case with their prescribed medication, these clients may seek to have some rental costs for a CPAP machine reimbursed via the Drug Payment Scheme (DPS). The DPS allows for reimbursement in respect of approved prescribed medicines or rental costs for CPAP machines subject to the deduction of the monthly family threshold which is currently €80.

Yours sincerely,



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