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Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ: 35683/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will specifically confirm that the maximum cost to the public purse of the same device funded by each scheme is largely comparable; 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 35683/22), 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service