



Richard Boyd Barrett, T.D.
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PQ: 37528/22

To ask the Minister for Health if the living alone allowance is reckonable for a means test for the medical card for persons aged over 70 years but not for persons under 70 years; if so, the rationale for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Richard Boyd Barrett

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 37528/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Medical Card Unit is currently reviewing the assessable income applicable to persons ages Over 70. It is envisaged changes will be made in assessing the Living Alone Allowance (LAA) as reckonable income.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service