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PQ 12698/22 To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to improve the provision of chiropody services for older medical card holders in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North County and City (CHO DNCC) Chiropody Services are provided by private practicing chiropodists. There is no national service level agreement or contract between the HSE (GMS clients) and private chiropodists. CHO DNCC pays the chiropodists on a sessional basis in accordance with the sessional rates set down by the Department of Health and Children. The patients may be charged subsidised fees in addition to the sessional rate payment received by the chiropodist and this fee is determined by the chiropodist. All medical card holders over 65 years, and those under 65 who have a medical need certified by a medical practitioner, are issued with a Chiropody Card which entitles them to three chiropody treatments per year.

As part of the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Diabetes Integrated Programme, a Diabetes Podiatry Service is currently being established between CHO DNCC and Beaumont Hospital, The Mater Misericordiae and Connolly Hospitals. This Diabetes Podiatry Service is aimed at those with a moderate to high risk foot as per the model of care for the Diabetic Foot. As the service is only in the early stages, we are concentrating on the high risk diabetic patient referrals from the hospitals, but will be outreaching the service for GP referrals shortly.

I have attached a current list of private practicing Chiropodists approved by the Department of Health which currently participate in the subsidised chiropody scheme in CHO DNCC as well as the referral form for this service, which can be completed by the hospital or by the patient's GP. I would encourage patients to contact the Chiropodist in the first instance to ensure that they can be registered for treatment and to be informed of treatment fee.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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