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Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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16th September 2022

PQ: 42388/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will make dexcom available to all persons with diabetes under the general medical card scheme or long term illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42388/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) devices for those with type 1 diabetes such as Dexcom and Medtronic go through a completely separate funding mechanism locally, not through PCRS. There is a National Tender in place through Aids and Appliances for CGM devices and the hospital must apply for funding for those patients where CGM is warranted. On the basis of this, PCRS cover the ancillary sensor device. These sensors are seamlessly available to those with eligibility for Diabetes under the Community Drug Schemes (GMS/LTI). PCRS do not reimburse equipment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a thin horizontal line.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service