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Mr. Robert Troy T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Parliamentary Question - 42785/22

Dear Deputy Troy,

I acknowledge receipt of your PQ. "To ask the Minister for Health if the E111, now known as the EHIC covers UK citizens for out of hours doctor appointments whilst in Ireland".

The advice to all patients in relation to fees is readily available on the MIDOC website, see below.

The fee for consultation is \notin 70. Any person producing a valid medical card at the time of consultation will not be charged. You must produce your own personal in-date valid medical card. If you are unable to produce a valid medical card a fee will apply. Any patient who pays and subsequently produces a valid medical card current at the time of the consultation will be reimbursed by contacting MIDOC.

Although not specifically mentioned on the Midoc website, patients presenting with a valid GHIC or EHIC (E111) card are not charged for consultations. Patients presenting with GHIC or EHIC cards will have their cards validated and treatment provided in line with the EU initiative. Midoc cannot accept registration / policy numbers of GHIC / EHIC card (E111) or NHS insurance as proof of cover where not presented on correct official documentation e.g. a physical card or certificate bearing the patients name.

If official documentation is not provided at the time of consultations normal fees will apply. If a citizen of a participating country travels without their card they are advised to contact their national provider and request a replacement card or certificate, for example people travelling from the UK should contact the NHS and request a PRC certificate. Upon receipt of the replacement documentation the patient should submit this to Midoc for reimbursement of any fees paid.

I trust this has answered your query but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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