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Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ: 43850/22

To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he has for medical cards to issue automatically to a child in cases in which the domiciliary care allowance is granted without the need for parents to make an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 43850/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Children in receipt of Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA) are entitled to Medical Cards once an application has been made and their parent/s or guardian/s are in receipt of DCA payments. In order for a child, who does not previously hold a Medical Card, to be registered onto this scheme it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the child to register their child by completing an online or manual application form.

Medical Cards are never automatically issued without an application with all relevant information being processed.

For further information please visit our website at - <https://www2.hse.ie/services/medical-cards/medical-card-for-domiciliary-care-allowance.html> .

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service