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Deputy Holly Cairns,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**PQ 2429/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Standardised List of Community Funded Aids and Appliances and Prescribing Criteria, including the list of all aids and appliances on the list; if there is a specific category for persons who are blind or vision impaired; and if so, the aids and appliances that are included for this category.**

- Holly Cairns

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Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the above question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The national list of Aids and Appliances and associated prescribing criteria are available on the HSE website. They can be readily accessed by searching for 'Community Funded Schemes' or for 'Aids and Appliances'. I attached the link for your convenience; <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/community-funded-schemes/aids-and-appliances/national-list-of-hse-community-funded-aids-and-appliances-and-prescribing-criteria1.pdf>

As with other medical conditions, there is no specific category for persons who are blind or vision impaired. Equipment is provided on the basis of an assessed clinical need, and is available to all eligible clients irrespective of the underlying medical condition that has given rise to the need that the particular piece of equipment is designed to address.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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