



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

405200165
HSE South,
Office Complex,
Kilcreene Hospital,
Kilcreene,
Kilkenny.

Telephone 056 7785502
Fax 056 7785631

Deputy Denis Naughten TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

19 July 2023

PQ33947/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the reason the maximum rebate under the Cross-Border scheme for a cataract operation has been reduced from €1,872 to €1,700; if he can explain the basis for this considering that medical costs have been increasing across the public health sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Naughten,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

I can confirm that the reimbursement rate for cataract procedures with DRG code C15Z Glaucoma/Complex Cataract Procedure is €1,912. The reimbursement rate for a non-complex cataract procedure DRG code C16Z Lens Procedure is €1,456. DRG coding costs are determined by a process of average costings across the acute hospital sector as funded and operated by the HSE. These costings are subject to ongoing review and update usually on an annual basis.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Donohoe

Catherine Donohoe

A/Assistant National Director

Telephone: 056-7785596
056-7785502