



Richard Boyd Barrett, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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11th July 2023

PQ: 31119/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will make appropriate changes in order that the living alone allowance is not assessable income for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard Boyd Barrett

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 31119/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Medical Card Unit reviewed the assessable income applicable to persons ages Over 70. From 17th August 2022 the Living Alone Allowance (LAA) is no longer assessed as reckonable income for Medical Cards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service