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Deputy Kerrane  
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**PQ 49167/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the reason specialised lens, which are expensive to those with eye sight issues, are not covered under the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Claire Kerrane**

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Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 49167/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE provides a standard rate for the provision of glasses through the Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service (PCERS). The nine Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) are allocated budgets to fund services in their area which may contribute towards the cost of specialised lens in certain circumstances usually as advised by an Ophthalmic Consultant and based on clinical need.

The HSE is committed to ensuring that all eligible services users have access to the relevant and applicable standard allowances to support optimum vision.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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