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PQ 46596/23 To ask the Minister for Health if the fitting of a permanent AV fistula is covered under GMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Anne Rabbitte

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

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

The arteriovenous or AV fistula is a type of vascular access, involving a direct connection between an artery and a vein. This connection is made underneath the skin with a surgical procedure that will only require a short stay in hospital. These patients are often admitted as inpatients under the nephrology service or attend the renal day ward. Where they are admitted under vascular surgery directly.

Medical card holders do not have to pay hospital charges.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
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