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Deputy Colm Burke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re Ref: PQ 7640/24

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update in relation to the anticipated commencement date and rollout of the National Advisory Group for Provision of Post-Mastectomy Products, Community Funded Schemes Service Improvement Programme in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Community Funded Scheme Service Improvement Programme published new national procedures for the provision of allowances for post-mastectomy products in January 2024.

The intended purpose of the new procedures are to standardise provision across the country including universal eligibility, to simplify the process and to provide greater choice for service users. The procedures are currently being reviewed by the HSE to ensure that no one, either currently availing of the scheme, or accessing it in the future, is at any financial loss as a result of the proposed changes.

While the review is conducted, Community Healthcare Organisations have been instructed to continue to provide allowances to service users from existing local policies.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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