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Mr Jackie Cahill TD  
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**PQ 11442/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health what patient transport services/supports are available to elderly patients based in the Thurles area and travelling to Nenagh Hospital, University Hospital Limerick or Saint Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny, who do not have access to or cannot afford private transport, and public transport is difficult due to limited mobility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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 been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that there is no statutory requirement for the Health Service Executive (HSE) to provide patient transport to appointments.

Transport is paid for in-centre dialysis patients with journeys from destinations within the Hospitals Group's catchment area in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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**Ms Colette Cowan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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