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PQ: 32853/24

**To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on the medical card scheme in each of the years since 2019, including 2024 year-to-date. -Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 32853/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please find below the results for above PQ as requested.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
GP	€561,939,576	€757,678,687	€814,277,155	€820,083,251	€833,436,229
Pharmacy	€969,787,344	€975,255,894	€991,772,194	€1,015,607,700	€1,045,236,911
Optical	€29,261,845	€22,581,523	€25,107,697	€26,120,431	€26,629,391
Dental	€56,075,566	€40,549,163	€39,636,355	€49,484,119	€64,824,607
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,617,064,331</b>	<b>€1,796,065,267</b>	<b>€1,870,793,401</b>	<b>€1,911,295,501</b>	<b>€1,970,127,138</b>

Please note: the data excludes the cost of High Tech Drugs dispensed to medical card holders and the administration costs associated with the Medical Card scheme

The figures for 2024 are not yet available.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle

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