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PQ: 26009/24

To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of medical card holders under review at any one time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Gino Kenny

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 26009/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see below figures as requested:

Renewal Notice Reviews	FY2022	FY2023
Persons with full medical card eligibility	1,568,379	1,611,187
Persons with GP visit card eligibility	535,741	630,474
Cards due to expire during year	915,052	887,455
Renewal notices issued	235,562	104,370

*End of year figures for eligibility

Assessment of renewals reviewed	FY2022	FY2023
Continuing eligibility confirmed %	75.0%	56.2%
Not renewed as eligibility not met	24.7%	43.5%
Cardholder deceased	0.3%	0.3%
Assessment which is ongoing	0%	0%

Targeted Reviews	FY2022	FY2023
No of targeted Reviews	39,548	5,006
Continuing eligibility confirmed	74.2%	54.2%
Eligibility criteria not met	25.8%	45.7%
cardholder deceased	0.0%	0.1%
assessment which is ongoing	0%	0%

Residence Confirmation	FY2022	FY2023
No of people sent	106,520	72,144
Residence Confirmed	58.9%	59.0%
Eligibility removed	41.1%	41.0%

Please note:

MC eligibility numbers for 2022 included over 50k people arriving from Ukraine (UKR) who were awarded automatic eligibility. Normal reviews for UKR card holder began in May 2023 for those who held eligibility for more than 12 months. UKR cards however continued to be awarded in 2023 as more people arrived into Ireland from Ukraine.

The number of reviews sent out in 2023 were reduced significantly to allow for the anticipated processing required for the increased numbers of GPVCs due to the threshold changes for means tested GPVCs and also the extension of eligibility to U8s announced in Budget 2022.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne Doyle
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