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Deputy Ó Cuív  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 12816/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the new criteria used to assess applications for discretionary payments for items such as specialised spectacles for children in the CHO network; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Éamon Ó Cuív**

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Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 12816/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE provides a standard rate for the provision of glasses through the Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service (PCERS). The nine Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) are allocated budgets to fund services in their area which may contribute towards the cost of specialised lens in certain circumstances usually as advised by an Ophthalmic Consultant and based on clinical need.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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