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Dear Deputy Michael Healy-Rae

RE: PQ22207/24 To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to the annual pension allowance declaration form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted by you to the Minister for Health. This matter has been referred to me for response on behalf of the HSE.

We are obliged to periodically confirm that our pensioners have a continued entitlement to the pension paid by us funded out of the public purse.

I have outlined the relevant sections from Legislation that relates to the Annual Pensioner Declaration process.

SI no – 455 – 1998 – Local Government (Superannuation)(Consolidation) Scheme, 1998 - Chapter 53 – section 2

(e) where the payment is made to any person by the local authority in pursuance of this article the receipt of that person shall be a good discharge for the sum paid.

(2) A local authority may, for any purpose relating to payments made pursuant to this article, require the making of such declarations as they consider necessary, and a person to whom any such payment may be made shall not be entitled to receive such payment if he or she fails to make any declaration which he or she is required as aforesaid to make.

Appropriation Act, 1962 - Section 5

5.—(1) Subject to such exemptions as may be provided by or under rules made by the Minister for Finance, a person shall not receive any payment out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas for non-effective services unless, in relation to that payment, the declaration prescribed by such rules has been made, by the recipient or such other person as may be provided as aforesaid, before a person of such description as may be prescribed by the rules or (where it is so required by an authority so prescribed) before a person determined by that authority in accordance with the rules, and the declaration is supported by any declaration required by or under the rules to be made by a person of such a description, or a person determined, as aforesaid.

I hope this clarifies your query.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eileen Winnington', written in a cursive style.

Eileen Winnington
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