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PQ: 39822/24

To ask the Minister for Health if there is a process through which pensioners in possession of a GP only card can apply for funding to assist with costs for dental treatment; and if so, if the process will be outlined. -Eoin Ó Broin

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 39822/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The GP Visit card covers the cost of visits to the card holders' GP and visits to GP out-of-hours services. There is no process by which GP Visit card holding pensioners can seek funding to assist with costs of dental treatment through the PCRS.

Please note the Department of Social Protection (DSP) run a Treatment Benefit Scheme


Treatment Benefit is a scheme run by the DSP to provide a limited financial contribution towards dental, optical and aural services.

The Treatment Benefit Scheme is available to insured workers, the self-employed and retired people who have the required number of PRSI contributions.

Please find more information at the below link:

[gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) - Treatment Benefit Scheme (www.gov.ie)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle', written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Reimbursement Service

The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie