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PQ: 41715/25

To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new mandibular device used to treat sleep apnoea, is not approved under the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); whether the new device will be included under the scheme as soon as possible. -Robert Troy

Details Supplied:

(DPS), noting that some patients are being prescribed this different machine in place of their CPAP, but finding out the new prescribed device is not covered under DPS as the old one was, even through it is now the preferred treatment for the same illness

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 41715/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Community Funded Schemes National Schemes department have advised: regarding mandibular devices it is correct that at the request of some of the clinicians Community Funded Schemes did consider these devices in their sleep medicine group over a year ago.

When the matter was examined it was discovered that the major element is the provision of the professional service (orthodontic) with the actual device being a small component of what is required. This would mean the introduction of a new professional service within the HSE.

The introduction of new professional medical services is beyond the scope of the Community Funded Schemes, and we advised our clinical colleagues that if they wished to progress the matter that they would need to do so through clinical and the office of the Chief Clinical Officer.

Community Funded Schemes are no longer considering the matter and have no further information.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Reimbursement Service

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