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PQ: 52464/25

To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for persons who suffer from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and require oxygen 24/7; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Paul McAuliffe

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 52464/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A Medical Card from the HSE can cover the cost of a medical oxygen concentrator and other medical appliances.

Everyone without a medical card should apply for a Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS) card.

Having a DPS card means you or your family will pay a maximum of €80 in a calendar month for:

- approved prescribed drugs and medicines
- rental costs for a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine
- rental costs for oxygen

Please see below link for further information:

[Drugs Payment Scheme card](#)

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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