



20th March 2019

Circular 009/19

Dear Doctor,

Doctor Visit Card increases to thresholds from the 1st April 2019.

I refer to the announcement by the Government as part of Budget 2019 to revise the GP Visit Card Thresholds with effect from 1st April 2019. The revised thresholds will apply to all cohorts. Please see the table below providing details of the increases per family unit:

GPVC Income Thresholds	Current Rate	New Rate	Overall Increase
Married, Co Habiting or Civil Partnership persons aged 66-69	€447	€492	€45
Married, Co Habiting or Civil Partnership persons aged up to 66	€400	€441	€41
One Parent Family aged 66 -69	€447	€492	€45
One Parent Family aged up to 66	€400	€441	€41
Single Person Living Alone aged 66-69	€302	€333	€31
Single Person Living Alone aged up to 66	€276	€304	€28
Single Person Living with family aged 66 - 69	€260	€286	€26
Single Person Living with family aged up to 66	€246	€271	€25

The National Medical Card Unit welcome the continued Government policy of extending eligibility to those who will most benefit from GP and primary care services and in this case to those who may have been slightly over the threshold for a DVC and who may now gain eligibility.

We are directing all Applicants to our website for more details of the new thresholds and to our online application at <https://www.mymedicalcard.ie/>

Yours sincerely,

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