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To ask the Minister for Health if the cost of a sleep apnoea machine is covered under the drugs payment scheme; the amount that is refunded, monthly, for this machine; the process for applying for a refund; and the length of time the refund process will take, monthly. -Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 32146/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

As apnoea machine can be both either a CPAP or BPAP machine and we cover both.

The PCRS are responsible for the processing of Drug Payment Scheme Refunds if the applicant or their family pay more than €80 a month for:

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

Refund claims submitted by 25th of month are processed and paid in the following month. Information and link to downloading a Refund Claim form is available on <https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/drugs-payment-scheme/refunds/>.

Applications for a refund are accompanied by supporting documentation e.g. DPS unified claim form, invoice etc.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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