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To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the system in place for people on the drugs payment scheme where they are renting a CPAP machine, where a person has to fill out the required form every month for the same repeated cost of the machine; if an easier system can be considered for life-long use of a CPAP machine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 25197/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Currently the Primary Card Reimbursement Service require one DPSR1 application form to be completed with every DPS refund request.

However the PCRS is currently scoping an online solution for DPS Refunds and we are in the early stages of introducing an electronic fund transfer system. Due to competing priorities and a number of technical issues that must be addressed relating to the project, development will take time before we can go live with electronic fund transfer to individual clients.

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