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Dáil Éireann,
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26th September 2024

PQ: 35584/24

To ask the Minister for Health to provide the latest annual (or quarterly) estimate for the reduction in the number of people in receipt of full medical cards and the increase in the number of people in receipt of GP visit cards, and to state whether he will give a commitment to increase or at least stop the decline in the number of people in receipt of full medical cards in 2025, given the healthy state of the public finances and the very large increase in the HSE budget. -Leo Varadkar

Dear Deputy Varadkar,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 35584/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please attached the results for the increase and decrease of Medical cards and GP Visit cards from January to September 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

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

Month	Number Of Eligible Persons On Medical Cards	Decrease	Number Of Eligible Persons On GP Visit Cards	Increase	Total Number Of Eligible Persons	Incr
1st January 2024	1,611,187		630,475		2,241,662	
1st February 2024	1,608,963	-2,224	642,257	11,782	2,251,220	
1st March 2024	1,601,547	-7,416	652,296	10,039	2,253,843	
1st April 2024	1,598,479	-3,068	660,487	8,191	2,258,966	
1st May 2024	1,589,673	-8,806	669,443	8,956	2,259,116	
1st June 2024	1,585,294	-4,379	677,257	7,814	2,262,551	
1st July 2024	1,582,438	-2,856	684,227	6,970	2,266,665	
1st August 2024	1,580,666	-1,772	690,863	6,636	2,271,529	
1st September 2024	1,575,480	-5,186	696,531	5,668	2,272,011	