

Drugs Payment Scheme

Families can get help with the cost of medicines under the Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS). This means that each household will pay no more than €114 each calendar month for approved prescribed drugs, medicines, rental costs for CPAP machines and oxygen.

If your medical needs cost more than €114 you won't pay any more – the cost will be covered by the scheme. A household can be a single person, a married couple or a family with dependent children.

How do I qualify for the Drugs Payment Scheme?

The scheme is for people who do not have a medical card, including people who have a GP visit card.

The scheme is not means tested – it is for everyone who is ordinarily resident in Ireland, no matter what your income.

How do I apply?

You can apply online at <http://www.mydps.ie>

You can also apply by contacting your [local health office](#) or by filling in a registration form at your local pharmacy. If you have any difficulties filling in the form, the staff at the pharmacy or health office will be happy to help. Send the completed application to your local health office.

It can take up to 4 weeks to process your application for a Drugs Payment Scheme card. If you have to pay for prescription medicines or medical aids while you're waiting for your card, keep the receipts. Once you get the card, you can send the receipts to the Drugs Payment Scheme section of your local health office. You should get back the money that you have spent.

If you have dependent children aged 18-23 in full-time education, you can add them to your DPS card.

The information above is an overview of the Drugs Payment Scheme

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit the [HSE website](#)
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker