

## Long-Term Illness Scheme

Children with acute leukaemia may qualify for the Long-Term Illness Scheme.

Under this scheme, you can get some drugs, medicines and approved appliances related to the child's illness for free. This scheme is not means tested and is separate from the Medical Card and CP Visit Card schemes. Medical Card holders are charged €1.50 per item per month up to a maximum of €15 per month per family for prescription medication.

If you qualify, you will get a long-term illness book that lists the drugs and medicines your child needs. You will receive these medicines free of charge through your local chemist. You will still have to pay for other drugs and medicines not related to leukaemia.

## Who can apply?

Children who have acute leukaemia may qualify for the Long-Term Illness Scheme. Other types of cancer are not covered.

## How do I apply?

You can download an application form from the [HSE website](#). The form is also available at your [local Health Office](#) or from your GP.

More information is available by calling 1890 252 919.

You can send your completed application form to:

Long-Term Illness Scheme  
Client Registration Unit  
P.O. Box 12962  
Dublin 11  
D11 XKF3

The information above is an overview of the Long-Term Illness Scheme.

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker