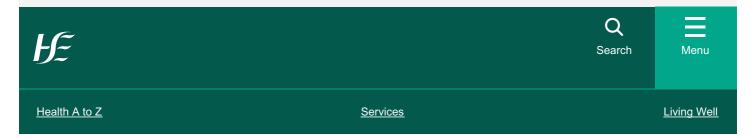
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Prescription charges for medical card holders

If you have a medical card, you can get prescription medicines free of charge.

If you are under the age of 70 years, there is a prescription charge of €1.50 for each item. This is up to a maximum of €15 per month, for each person or family.

If you are over 70 years of age, there is a prescription charge of €1 for each item. This is up to a maximum of €10 per month, for each person or family.

We arrange refunds annually to those who have paid over their monthly limit.

Family certificate

To avoid paying charges above the monthly limit you should register for a family certificate and give this to your pharmacist.

The certificate lists all the members of your family so the pharmacist knows to not charge them over the limit.



Children in care

There are no prescription charges for children in:

- care
- foster care
- foster care with relatives and other care placements who have medical cards

If you're a carer responsible for a child in care you can claim a full refund for prescription charges.

Refugees

If you are living in emergency reception or an orientation centre you do not need to pay prescription charges, if the centre is:

- provided under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme
- administered by the Department of Justice and Equality

Methadone

There is no prescription charge for methadone.

Long-term illness

The prescription charge will not apply to items supplied under:

- the Long Term Illness Scheme
- the Drugs Payment Scheme
- · private prescriptions

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