

POLICY FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF MEDICAL FEES

Individuals within the following categories will be exempt from payment of medical and dental fees:

- All members of a household in receipt of Income Related Benefit (IRB) will be fully exempt from payment of all medical and dental costs. (This would include some young people working if the Household as a whole was in receipt of IRB, this is the counter argument to why do young people have to financially support their Parents.)
- For Households that receive IRB by virtue of the rules relating to Transitional protection, only those household members who were in receipt of IRB prior to 1st April 2011 will be entitled to exemption from payment of medical and dental fees.
- All members of Households with a household income of less than 10% above IRB levels should also receive free medical and dental costs identical to IRB households.
- All persons in receipt of Basic Island Pension (BIP) will receive free prescriptions. This is irrespective of their other income of the household but they would not automatically be entitled to the medical and dental treatment. Persons in receipt of BIP whose income is more than 10% of what their IRB entitlement would be, will need to be means tested to assess their eligibility for exemption from payment of medical fees.
- Means testing for BIP recipients will accord with all the same rules and regulations relating to IRB, including who can apply and how income and assets are treated.

NOTE: Since April 2016 All persons from the age of 65 will receive free prescriptions.

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