

## Letter: Funding of High Cost Drugs

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**From: Department of Health, Ireland**

**To: The Chief Executive Officer, Each Health Board**

**Re: Funding of high cost drugs**

Dear Chief Executive Officer

A number of health board general practice units have raised with the Department the question of which service should bear responsibility for the cost of certain high cost drugs administered at out-patient departments.

In order to clarify the matter, the Department is of the view that the cost of drugs which are administered to patients whether on an in-patient or out-patient basis is the responsibility of the hospital concerned. It would be appreciated if you would let the Department know of the arrangements which apply in your Board area in relation to the funding of such drugs.

Yours sincerely

G McCartney  
Assistant Secretary  
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