

## DRUGS PAYMENT SCHEME

Under the Drugs Payment Scheme, individuals and families who do not hold a medical card do not have to pay more than 85 Euro (limit as of September 2006) in any calendar month for approved prescribed drugs, medicines, and medical appliances including medical oxygen concentrators.



An application form for the Drugs Payment Scheme can be obtained from your local pharmacy or local health authority (see section on Local Health Authority Offices). The completed form should be returned to your local health authority office.

Once your application has been processed, you will receive a plastic swipe card with your personal Drugs Payment Scheme number. This card should be given to your pharmacist each time you get your prescription filled. Over-the-counter medicines and products are not covered by the Drugs Payment Scheme.

### Tip !

- ✓ Keep all your pharmacy receipts in order to claim tax relief using the Med 1 Health Expenses – Claim for relief (see section on Tax Relief).

## EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC)

As an Irish resident you are entitled to get healthcare through the public system in countries of the European Union, European Economic Area, or Switzerland if you become ill or injured while on a temporary stay there.

Contact your local health authority to request an EHIC. It is also available on-line at: [www.ehic.ie/apply.htm](http://www.ehic.ie/apply.htm).