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I write this as a former parent of two young adults who fell between the slots of the prevailing policy on exemption from prescription charges.

Both my children suffered from cystic fibrosis, and had a long list of drugs and special foods prescribed. While they were under 16 they were exempt from prescription charges but this changed once they passed that age - and both did.

The anomaly then was patent: my daughter had developed secondary diabetes at age 9. At age 16 she was exempt from all prescription charges for her CF - by far the more serious condition - because she was a diabetic. Her brother who was then still free of diabetes had to pay the charges for all his prescriptions. Once he, too, developed diabetes, he received his medications for CF free of charges.

I fully understand that when the original list of exempted conditions was drawn up, few children with cystic fibrosis survived into adult life. Now many do and the list of exemptions cries out for updating.

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