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RE: PQ Ref 16509/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the short stay charges regime at St Camillus' Hospital, Limerick in order that medical card holders are no longer charged weekly rate of €179.00 and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that persons in receipt of in-patient services where nursing care is provided on a 24 hour basis are liable for a charge when admitted to a Short Stay Service attached to Older Persons Residential Services, if the stay is greater than 30 days in a public hospital in a rolling 12 month period. This charge is known as the Residential Support Services Maintenance and Accommodation Contributions (RSSMACs) and is supported by legislation under sections 67A to 67D of the Health Act 1970.

Section 67C(4) provides that the RSSMAC requirement applies to a Recipient in respect of any given day when s/he has been provided with Residential Support Services on more than 30 days in a rolling 12 month period in a public hospital.

Persons are sometimes entitled to waivers on the full rate of €25.57 per day/€179.00 per week. Waivers are determined on receipt of the fully completed financial assessment form, which is given to the client themselves or their next of kin on admission.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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