

3rd October, 2023

Mr. Michael Healy-Rae., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 40020/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is no longer accepting referrals from nursing homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Detail Supplied: "Minister nursing homes in the past always submitted referrals on behalf of their patients for example referrals to OT's for special chairs etc for their patients."

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Aids and Appliances are provided to medical cardholders in nursing homes who require this equipment specifically for their own assessed needs. There has been no change in practice in this regard. The equipment is prescribed specifically for an individual and it is equipment that would not ordinarily be expected to be standard stock within a nursing home setting. Items that may be used in a communal setting by a number of residents would not be considered under our Aids and Appliances budget as these would be considered standard stock of a nursing home or other communal setting.

If you have a specific case in mind and can revert to my office with the relevant details, I can arrange to have the matter followed up and reviewed.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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