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Deputy Michael Creed
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 27684/24

Dear Deputy Creed,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response

"To ask the Minister for Health if applicants being transferred from an acute hospital bed to a private nursing home have an automatic initial entitlement to nursing home subvention for a number of weeks whilst awaiting the outcome of a formal application for nursing home subvention; and if he will make a statement on the matter". - Michael Creed

Transitional Care Funding is granted to clients in acute hospitals that have been medically approved as requiring long-term care and are in the process of an NHSS fair deal application with the Nursing Home Support Office awaiting a Fair Deal determination. There are a number of criteria that an applicant must meet before funding can be approved. In addition it supports those awaiting Home Support Packages/Home Adaptations or in need of convalescence post their acute stay to facilitate their transfer to a nursing home temporarily or permanently. It acts as bridging finance to allow timely discharge and avoidance of unnecessary long waits in an acute hospital when a patient is deemed medically fit for transfer and in agreement to long term care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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