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**To ask the Minister for Health if there is a unified payment to all nursing homes paid under the Fair Deal scheme; if this scheme has a varied rate of payment to set out the criteria for such variations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ring,

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.

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme supports approximately 23,000 clients in long term residential care at HIQA registered Nursing Homes each month. The Scheme is co-funded, with the HSE paying state support on behalf of the client and the client making a client contribution. Each relevant Nursing Home has an agreed weekly cost of care specific to that Nursing Home, which is published on the HSE website. To confirm, there is a single NHSS rate for each individual Nursing Home.

A feature of the Fair Deal Scheme is that applicants pay only their calculated weekly client contribution, irrespective of the weekly cost of care at their chosen Nursing Home.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ultan Hynes'.

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**Ultan Hynes**  
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