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Deputy Ryan
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 15681/24- To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether there are any plans to provide community occupational therapy services to private nursing homes, as these visits cost a minimum of €500 per assessment and are often beyond the means of residents who would badly need them.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

Eligibility for the provision of Primary Care Services, (which includes Community Occupational Therapy) is set out in the 1970 Health Act as amended. Access to Community Occupational Therapy is provided within the resources that have been provided and are available to the HSE. Eligibility for the provision of Primary Care Services is the same whether you reside at home or in a Public/Private Residential Care Facility for Older Persons.

Where Primary Care Services experience resource constraints and there may be a waiting list for a HSE Occupational Therapy Assessment to access equipment, Private Nursing Homes can choose to access Private Occupational Therapy Services and as always the HSE will endeavour to ensure the full provision of Aids and Appliances across all sites to those in receipt of a Medical Card, Long Term Illness card or a Health Act Amendment Card.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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