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Deputy Gary Gannon T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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Dear Deputy Gannon,

PQ Number: 44215/24

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on any reforms being considered to the fair deal scheme to address the financial challenges faced by families, particularly considering situations where miscommunication or administrative errors have led to financial distress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Gary Gannon

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 HSE administers the Nursing Homes Support Scheme in accordance with the requirements of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009. That Act provides for a right of independent appeal of decisions made by the HSE on NHSS applications. This right is outlined in all relevant correspondence to applicants, including providing details of how to lodge an appeal against a decision.

The HSE would be grateful to receive detail of any specific case known to you, so that we can investigate the circumstances of the application.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Ultan Hynes

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