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McLaughlin GA (Gery)

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Sent: 27 June 2001 11:45
To: McLaughlin GA (Gery)
Cc: Henderson RM (Richard); Teale TS (Thea); Stapleton P (Peter); McCluskie J (John); Dailly H (Heather)
Subject: RE: Long Term Care (Etc) Bill

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Extract from Mr Lindsay's paper circulated under cover of your invite for comments:

3.2 Care services provided under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 extend from nursing care through personal care to non-personal care and "hotel costs" (accommodation etc). Nursing care is currently provided free of charge by the NHS in the home, in hospitals and in residential care homes. In nursing care homes it is also free for the majority of people, but some people have to pay for that care, subject to a means test. It is considered that this is not equitable and that nursing care should be provided free of charge in all settings.

I don't think this properly conveys the position and indeed implies a charge for NHS care. NHS care in all settings is free. Those assessed as requiring NHS continuing care receive that health care free. Those in that category who are referred and placed in nursing homes by the NHS have all associated costs paid for by the NHS. This because previously when the continuing care wards existed in greater numbers the care would have been provided there. The NHS is contracting for care and does so for around 7.5% of the nursing home population.

Those in nursing homes referred by the LA or self referrals will only receive their NHS care free-as you and I do from our own homes. This would not cover the "nursing " care provided routinely in the home. NHS care is not means tested as the paragraph implies.

The following perhaps better sets out the position

"3.2 Care services provided under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 extend from nursing care through personal care to non-personal care and "hotel costs" (accommodation etc). NHS care is currently provided free of charge by the NHS no matter the setting.

Those residents referred by the NHS to nursing homes, having been assessed as requiring continuing health care, have all their costs paid for by the NHS. Those in nursing homes referred by the Local Authority or by self referral continue to receive all their NHS care free but may be liable to a charge for the non NHS care and for the other home costs, subject to a means test. It is considered inequitable that depending on the referral route to the care home a different personal financial regime applies."

Phil-----Original Message-----

From: Dailly H (Heather)
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One page minute and instructions from Steve Lindsay.

Thanks
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