In accordance with section 33(2) of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 (No. 15 of 2009), I, Mary Harney, Minister for Health and Children, following consultation with the HSE, hereby lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas details of the goods and services which constitute care services within the meaning of paragraph (a)(i) of the definition of “long-term residential care services”.

Care services within the meaning of paragraph (a)(i) of the definition of “long-term residential care services” in section 3 of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 shall encompass the following:

**Pay Related Services**  
- Management/ Administration Staff directly involved in running the relevant facility
- Nursing Staff directly involved in managing and providing health and personal care services within the relevant facility
- Health Care Assistants, Attendants and equivalent grades directly involved in providing health and personal care services within the relevant facility
- Porters, Catering, Laundry and Housekeeping Staff directly involved in maintaining the relevant facility and its residents
- Maintenance/ Technical Staff directly involved in maintaining the relevant facility

The staff costs listed above shall include pay, including any overtime and allowances, and Employer’s PRSI.

**Non-Pay Related Goods and Services**  
- Basic clinical consumables, including: basic bandages; basic, non-medicated dressings; swabs; aseptic packs; syringes and needles; sterile gloves, wipes, aprons etc.; hip protectors and disposable underwear; sharps box; catheters; drainage bags and leg bags; tubing for oxygen, feeding pumps etc.
- Oxygen
- Catering
- Heat, Power and Light
- Cleaning and Washing
- Upkeep of Furniture, Equipment, Crockery and Hardware

Costs under this heading are capped at a maximum of €7,000 per annum.
• Bedding and Clothing

• General Maintenance
  This item encompasses only regular maintenance works and service contracts with an
  annual value of €7,000 or under.

• Education and Training directly related to health and long-term care and
  undertaken by staff directly involved in the provision of care within the
  relevant facility.
  This item excludes pre-registration training. It is also capped at a maximum of 4% of
  the gross cost of direct salaries for the relevant facility.

• Insurance (public liability, employer’s liability and property)

• Audit

• Office Expenses Rent / Rates directly attributable to the relevant facility
  Costs under this heading are capped at a maximum of €7,000 per annum.

• Miscellaneous
  This cost category is capped at a maximum of 2% of the overall non-pay expenditure
  per annum in accordance with existing HSE accounting principles