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**Bill**

*Entitled*

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE HEALTH ACT 1970 AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN AUTOMATIC MEDICAL CARD TO ALL CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF DOMICILARY CARE ALLOWANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

**1. Short title, Collective Citation and Commencement**

(1) This Act may be cited as the Health (Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2016.

(2) This Act and the Health Acts 1947 to 2011 may be cited together as the Health Acts 1947 to 2016 and shall be construed together as one.

(3) This Act comes into operation on the date of its passing.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act “Minister” means the Minister for Health

“Qualified child” has the meaning given by section 186C of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005.

*To provide an automatic medical card to all children in receipt of Domiciliary Care allowance*

**3. Amendment of Section 45 of the Health Act 1970**

The [Health Act, 1970](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1970/en/act/pub/0001/index.html) , is hereby amended—

*a*) in section 45, by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (5A):

“5B  A person who is a qualified child and is ordinarily resident in the State shall have full eligibility for the services under this Part and, notwithstanding subsection (6), references in this Part to persons with full eligibility shall be construed as including references to such persons.”