

# CYPRUS: Subsidy Scheme for Residential Care

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# *Current situation in residential care*

- *Providers are registered and inspected by Social Welfare Services according to the existing legislation (100+ care homes).*
- *Subsidy provision is highly means-tested.*
- *The maximum monthly allowance is around €800, taking into account the household's income.*
- *Local Authorities and NGOs running residential care programmes may receive state aid.*



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# Objectives of the new Scheme



*Reinforcement of accessibility to long term care services.*



*Work-life balance for informal carers.*



*Reduce poverty and social exclusion risk.*



*Increase of the supply of accessible, affordable and quality LTC services.*



*Labor force retention in the labor market.*



*Acquisition and/or increase of income due to entering the labor market.*



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# *The new Scheme (1)*

## ***Beneficiaries:***

- *Beneficiaries of Guaranteed Minimum Income*
- *Beneficiaries of Low Income Pensioners Allowance*
- *Other cases facing special personal circumstances*

***Monthly allowance:*** *The difference of the household's income from the maximum amount of subsidy that can be provided (€1300), after taking into account the living needs of the other members of the household.*



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# *The new Scheme (2)*

## *Providers*

- *Approved by the competent authority for the provision of residential care according to the legislation.*
- *Have not increased the monthly charges more than 5% compared to the immediately preceding year.*
- *Additional quality criteria.*
- *Applied and signed the relevant contract.*



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# *Next steps in social care (2025-2026)*

- *Fully implement the new Scheme*
- *Reform of home care*
- *New small residential care units for people in need of LTC*
- *New legislation for Care Units for Adults*
- *National Strategy on Active Ageing 2025-2030*



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*Thank you!*

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