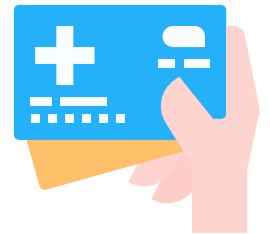




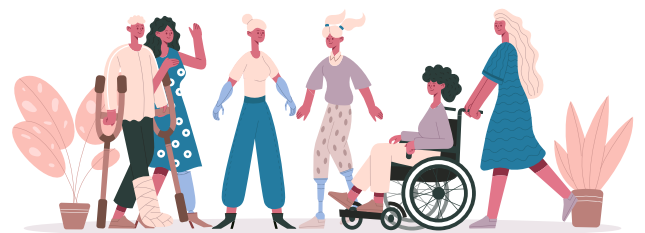
Medical card

- The reduced rate of Universal Social Charge (USC) for medical card holders is being extended until 31 December 2025. Reduced rates of USC apply to people who have a full medical card whose income is €60,000 or less a year.



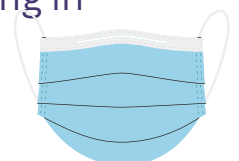
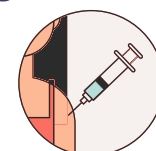
Disability services

- €64 million is allocated for additional services for people living with a disability including:
 - More than 90 additional residential places
 - Further development of respite services
 - 1,400 day places for people who have left school
 - Increased personal assistance hours
 - Increases in rates for staff
 - Home supports



COVID-19

- The Department of Health budget includes €1 billion for further COVID-19 spending including vaccinations, contact tracing and testing in hospitals



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