
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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General Medical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Part V

Payments to doctors

Payments

37.—(1) The Board and the Agency shall make payments to doctors with whom arrangements for the provision of general medical services exist, in accordance with such rates and subject to such conditions as the Department may determine and publish in a Statement, after consultation with such organisations as may be recognised by the Department as representing doctors with whom arrangements for the provision of general medical services exist, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, so as to secure compliance with section 8 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1971⁽¹⁾.

(2) The determination under paragraph (1) shall make provision for the following matters—

- (a) basic practice allowance, and additional allowances for seniority and employment of assistants;
- (b) standard capitation fees and capitation fees for elderly patients;
- (c) fees for items of service, maternity medical services and temporary residents;
- (d) fees and allowances for the supply of drugs and appliances and for rural practice;
- (e) allowances for training doctors and for study leave;
- (f) allowances for initial practice or to maintain practice viability;
- (g) allowances to maintain practice viability for essential medical practices in isolated rural areas;
- (h) allowances for practice expenses and, in particular, allowances for practice staff, including any who are spouses or other relatives;
- (i) allowances for improvement of premises;
- (j) such other payments or arrangements in respect of practice expenses or practice improvements as may be determined by the Department with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel;
- (k) fees for contraceptive services;
- (l) payments in relation to the making of arrangements for, and payments for, the temporary provision of general medical services;
- (m) capitation fees in respect of patients who participate in a consultation pursuant to paragraph 16 of the terms of service;

- (n) capitation fees in respect of patients to whom child health surveillance services are provided;
- (o) capitation fees in respect of patients living in a deprived area;
- (p) fees for minor surgery sessions undertaken;
- (q) payments in respect of health promotion programmes approved by the Board;
- (r) payments in respect of disease management programmes approved by the Board;
- (s) target payments in respect of immunisations provided;
- (t) target payments in respect of cervical cytology;
- (u) allowances for the employment of locums by doctors during maternity leave, sickness or study leave;
 - (v) allowances for undergoing approved post-graduate education;
- (w) allowances for the employment of doctors by isolated single-handed doctors;
 - (x) allowances in respect of providing placements in the practice for undergraduate medical students;
- (y) transitional payments in consequence of changes to doctors' terms of service.

(3) The determination under paragraph (1) may be amended from time to time by the Department after consultation with the organisations referred to in that paragraph and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel and any amendments shall also be published in a Statement.

(4) In this regulation “deprived area” means a ward of a local government district (within the meaning of section 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(2)) listed in the Statement referred to in paragraph (1).