

# ONE-OFF GMS SCHEME ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOCTORS AS PER CIRCULAR 14 APRIL 1999

**Title: One-off GMS Scheme Entry Arrangements for Doctors as per Circular 14 April 1999**

**Date: 29 September 1999**

**From: Department of Health and Children, Ireland**

**To: Each Primary Care Unit / GP Unit Administrator (for action)**

**To: GMS (Payments) Board (for information)**

**Re: One-off GMS Scheme Entry Arrangements for Doctors as per Circular 14 April 1999**

After applications for entry under the above arrangements have been processed, the Health Board, where satisfied that all relevant requirements have been met should issue a GMS Scheme contract to a successful applicant.

In the case of a person who is being offered a full contract, the issuing and acceptance of the contract should be dealt with in the normal manner (for example, as currently happens with contracts offered as a result of competition).

In the case of a person being offered a limited contract, a cover page should be attached to the standard contract indicating clearly that the applicant is being offered a limited contract and the contract should have appended to it a page containing the prepared clause (already forwarded to Health Boards) that is applicable to a limited contract. Further, in addition to any other documentation of acceptance that the person may be required to sign, he or she should also sign the page (containing the relevant clause) as verification that he or she has read the clause and accepted its substance.

The GMS (Payments) Board has no role to play in the preparation of contracts for signature or acceptance. Its role under these arrangements is no different from its role in the issuing of contracts under other current arrangements and that is that the Health Board should formally notify the GMS (Payments) Board on such applicants who have accepted contracts under these arrangements (specifying whether it is a full or limited contract under these arrangements) and the latter Board will then provide a number in relation to that contract.

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