

CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE HEALTH ACT 1970, DISPENSING

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From: Department of Health and Children, Ireland

To: Each Primary Care Unit/ GP Unit Manager

Re: Certain Matters relating to the provision of services under section 58 of the Health Act 1970, Dispensing

Earlier this year, an Agreement was reached with the Irish Medical Organisation on the introduction of a new set of arrangements relating to Dispensing Doctors. It was only recently that the IMO put this agreement to their members for acceptance and we have now been informed that the relevant IMO membership have so accepted the Agreement.

The effects of the new agreement are set out in the attached draft Circular to CEOs. [The issue of implementation is subject to para 15 of the draft Circular.]

The purpose of this communication is to request you to bring the matter of the Agreement (as represented in the draft Circular) to the attention of all Dispensing Doctors in your area, in particular, those who are not IMO members, and to ascertain the position of all Dispensing Doctors on whether they wish to participate in the new arrangements or opt-out as provided.

In order to give adequate time for consideration by individual Dispensing Doctors, it is proposed that a deadline of 8 October (and not 1 October, as stated in the draft Circular) be applied for a decision.

Should you require any clarification on the above or attached, please contact me.

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GMS Division
24 September 1999