



Circular 022/19

30<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Re: Maternity and Infant Care Scheme**

Dear Doctor,

The HSE have been working in recent months towards a plan for the centralised administration and reimbursement of the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme in line with the HSE decision to co-ordinate the administration of the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme.

The PCRS have engaged with a number of your colleagues, who expressed an interest in participating in a pilot, around modernising reimbursement services for the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme. Through collaborate working and the application of technology new functionality was developed to the benefit of participating General Practitioners.

Following a successful pilot period, 86% of General Practitioners participating in the pilot said they are 'likely' or 'very likely' to recommend this service to other practices.

This new functionality enables General Practitioners to register and submit claims online for expeditious processing. Moving to online claiming, via the GP Application Suite, will provide faster access to payment with valid claims paid in your monthly PCRS payment as opposed to waiting until the full package of care has been provided and submitting to local offices for manual processing.

**Benefits for Contractors include**

- Earlier Access to Payments with online claim submission
- Reliable Service
- The online facility eliminates rejections and reduces the need to query payments
- Access to dedicated claim support team.
- Access to comprehensive reports detailing claims processed for payment
- Faster search and retrieval data access
- Online ordering of pregnancy kits
- Centralised processing and reimbursement

To opt for online submission under the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme please arrange to complete and return the attached form and email to [pcrs.maternityandinfant@hse.ie](mailto:pcrs.maternityandinfant@hse.ie) or return in the pre-paid envelope enclosed. To participate practices will need to be:

- a) Active Maternity and Infant Care Scheme contract holders
- b) General Practitioners who have access to broadband and have registered for the GP Application Suite

This new online service will be available to General Practitioners who opt for online submission with effect from 1st July 2019, enabling GP Practices to process all new Maternity & Infant registrations and subsequent visits from the 1st July 2019 online. Any registrations previously agreed with CHOs will be completed by the relevant CHOs.

Our support team is available to assist you on 01-8648600 should you have any queries. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a user guide will be made available on the GP Application Suite to those General Practitioners who opt to submit online.

For GPs who do not opt for on-line registration and claiming and the above benefits that accrue from same, those GPs should continue to submit their claims for manual processing to their local office for processing.

Your cooperation with this enhancement is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Marie Hoey".

Anne Marie Hoey  
Primary Care Reimbursement & Eligibility

# Maternity and Infant Care Scheme

## Online Submission

I wish to submit my registrations and claims under the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme online.

GMS Number

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General Practitioner Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Maternity and Infant Care Scheme effective date:

i.e. Date in which Maternity and Infant Care Scheme contract was signed

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General Practitioner Stamp:

If you are interested in registering to submit your claims online please complete this form and return in the pre-paid envelope provided or by email to [pcrs.maternityandinfant@hse](mailto:pcrs.maternityandinfant@hse)