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Dear Doctor,

I wish to advise that the Minister for Health, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, has made Regulations cited as the Health Professions (Variations of Payment to General Practitioners) Regulations 2016. These Regulations are effective from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. A copy of the Regulations are appended hereto and your attention is drawn to Schedule 4, which sets out new fee rates for Special Items of Service and Schedule 5, which sets out fee rates pertaining to a new Rural Practice Support Framework. Both of these Schedules apply to the GMS (capitation) contract.

In line with Schedule 4 we have now enhanced the online browser to facilitate submission of revised Special Services available to those participating in the Capitation Agreement. Please ensure the following Special Service Codes are used for claims with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016:

Special Service Code	Description	Amount
A	Excisions/cryotherapy/diathermy of skin lesions	€24.80
B	Suturing of cuts and lacerations – including application of tissue glue (does not include paper sutures)	€50.00
C	Draining of hydroceles	€24.80
D	Treatment and plugging of dental and nasal haemorrhages	€24.80
F	Electrocardiography (ECG) tests including interpretation	€24.80
H	Removal of adherent foreign bodies from the conjunctival surface of the eye	€24.80
J	Removal of lodged or impacted foreign bodies from the ear, nose and throat	€24.80
K	Nebuliser treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	€37.21
L	Bladder catheterization – composite fee for insertion and removal	€60.00
M	Attendance by general practitioner at HSE convened case conference	€62.02

Special Service Code	Description	Amount
AB	Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Device (LARC) single composite fee incorporating counselling, insertion and monitoring	€70.00
AC	Removal of a Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Device (LARC)	€50.00
AD	24 Hour Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring	€60.00


In relation to Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Device (LARC) General Practitioners who enter the GMS on or after the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 will be required to submit a copy of their current LARC Certification (ICGP) or equivalent to Contract Support Unit, J5 Plaza, North Park Business Park, Exit 5, M50, North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 before any claims for such service are reimbursed. A transitional arrangement will apply for General Practitioners who, on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, held a GMS (Capitation) contract with the HSE. Such General Practitioners will have 12 months from 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 to submit their own LARC certification (or equivalent), or that of the doctor(s) who provides this service to GMS patients in their practice, to the above address.

With effect from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 the following Special Service Codes are no longer available:

Special Service Code	Description
E	Recognised Vein Treatment
G	Instruction and fitting of a diaphragm
N	Advice and fitting of a diaphragm
P	Counselling and fitting of an IUCD

In relation to the new Rural Practice Support Framework (ref: Schedule 5) the HSE is currently carrying out a due diligence exercise to identify those practice units which will qualify for supports under the Framework and this will be the subject of further correspondence with relevant GPs in the coming weeks. In the meantime should you have any queries in relation to Schedule 5 of the attached Regulation please contact your local Primary Care Unit who will assist you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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