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Contractual Arrangement with Registered Medical Practitioners in Context of the Roll Out of Free Contraception Service

Dear Doctor,

As you will be aware the Government has decided to provide access, free at the point of service, to a primary care based contraception service (hereinafter referred to as the Service) for Relevant Women as defined in Section 67E of the Health Act, 1970 (as amended).

In the above context the HSE and the Department of Health have reached agreement with the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) on the terms of a contract with Registered Medical Practitioners for the provision of the Service. I can also advise that the following fee rates will apply to this new service.

Applicable Services Rendered by a Registered Medical Practitioner on behalf of the Health Service Executive under the National Free Contraception Service Scheme.	
Description	Amount
1.1 – Consultation provided to a Relevant Woman for the purposes of obtaining a prescription for accessing relevant products	€55.00
1.2 – Fitting by a Registered Medical Practitioner of a relevant product that is a Coil	€160.00
1.3 – Removal by a Registered Medical Practitioner of a relevant product that is a Coil	€50.00
1.4 - Fitting by a Registered Medical Practitioner of a relevant product that is a contraceptive implant	€100.00
1.5 - Removal by a Registered Medical Practitioner of a relevant product that is a contraceptive implant	€110.00

1.6 – Where necessary, follow-up consultation in relation to the fitting by a Registered Medical Practitioner of a long-acting reversible contraceptive device	€55.00
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The above fee rates will be given legal effect in Regulations which will be signed in to law in the coming days. Further details in this regard will issue in early course.

The HSE would now like to invite General Practitioners to enter in to this contract for the provision of the Service to Relevant Women.

The Contract document itself and the Contractor Details and Acceptance form can be accessed via the following web link www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/gmscontracts/free-contraception-service-contract/ General Practitioners who wish to enter in to this contract should complete, sign and date the Contractor Details and Acceptance form and return same via email to the HSE's National Contracts Office at contract.national@hse.ie . In forwarding signed and dated Contractor Details and Acceptance forms contract applicants should ensure that their email correspondence address is included in the space provided to allow for subsequent communications from the HSE in this matter. Once received by the HSE the Contractor Details and Acceptance form will be countersigned and a copy of the signed form will be returned to each GP contract holder for their records.

I should point out that GPs, whose Contractor Details and Acceptance forms are processed after the Service's commencement date but on or before the 30th September, 2022 will be entitled to receive payment for Services provided by them from the Service's commencement date in accordance with the above fee rates.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and hope that you will be in a position to provide the Service in accordance with the statutory provisions and the terms of the Contract and look forward to receiving your Contractor Details and Acceptance form in early course.

Yours sincerely,



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