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Revision of Fees for Maternity and Infant Care Scheme

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Employment between the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and Employers Organisations which forms part of the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness.

The Minister now conveys approval for the implementation of a 5.5% increase effective from **1 October 2001**.

The revised fees paid to General Practitioners in respect of the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme with effect from 1 October 2001 are as follows:

	IR£	€
Visit 1	29.74	37.76
Visits 2-8 (per visit)	21.44	27.22
Visit 9	29.74	37.76

Accordingly, where complete services are provided a fee of **IR£188.10 (€238.84)** is payable for first pregnancies and **IR£209.52 (€266.04)** for all other pregnancies with effect from **1 October, 2001**.

Care in respect of illnesses which are coincidental with but not related to pregnancy do not form part of the Scheme. Where additional visits are required by patients suffering from major conditions e.g. diabetes, hypertension, a fee of **IR£21.44 (€27.22)** per visit, subject to a maximum of five visits, may be paid with effect from **1 October, 2001**.

The revised fee, to a General Practitioner when required to attend an emergency delivery is **£178.52 (€226.67)**, effective from **1 October, 2001**.

Yours sincerely



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