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**DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH**  
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Seán ...  
Minister for Health

1 January 1997

Chief Executive Officer  
Each Health Board

Secretary/Manager  
Each Public Voluntary Hospital

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to state that he has approved of the revision of the fees and 'pool' payments for medical and dental staff who provide services under the Health Acts with effect from 1st January 1997 as set out hereunder:

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| 1.  | <u>Consultants</u>   | - | £64.62 per 3 hour session<br>(and pro-rata)  |
| 2.  | <u>Emergency Sessions</u>  | - | The rate at 1. above<br>subject to a minimum fee<br>of £42.34 in the case of<br>Anaesthetists and £25.22<br>in the case of Ophthalmic<br>Surgeons. |
| 3.  | <u>Community Ophthalmic Physicians</u>                                     | - | £84.61 per 3 hour session  |
| 4.  | <u>Special rates payable for clinics held outside a radius of 25 miles</u> |   |  |
| (a) | Where the clinics are held for <u>less</u> than 3 hours duration:          |   |  |
|     | Hourly Rate  | - | £32.28   |
|     | Minimum Rate   | - | £64.62   |

(b) Where the duration is no less than 3 hours:

First 3 hours	-	£96.82
3 hour sessional rate for hours excess of 3.	-	£64.62 (and pro-rata)

5. 'Pool' Payments

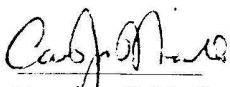
General Teaching Hospital	-	£2.70 per bed day
General Non-Teaching Hospital	-	£1.81 per bed day
Maternity Teaching Hospital	-	£5.23 per bed day
Maternity Non-Teaching Hospital	-	£2.45 per bed day

6. Private Dental Surgeons Sessional Rates

(a) For clinics held on health board premises	-	£66.75 per 3 hour session
(b) For clinics held in a dentists private surgery	-	£89.32 per 3 hour session

Extra 3 hour sessions (maximum of 2 sessions per week) held by wholetime health board dental surgeons may be paid for at the revised rates approved for sessions held by private dentists on health board premises as indicated above.

Yours sincerely

  
Carolyn O'Neill

Personnel Management and Development.