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Chief Executive Officer Each Health Board

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Revision of Remuneration of Ambulance Personnel Under the Partnership 2000 for Inclusion, Employment and Competitiveness

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I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the Annex to the Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Employment between the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and Employers Organisations which forms part of Partnership 2000 for Inclusion. Employment and Competitiveness with regard to Ambulance Personnel.

In accordance with Clause 3 of the Annex, sanction is hereby given for the implementation of Phase III of the Agreement i.e. an increase of 1.5% of basic weekly pay with effect from 1 July 1999. Full details of the revised pay scales are provided overleaf. Please note it is also in order to apply this increases to pensioners.

Agencies are reminded that no offers or commitments whatever can be made at any stage with regard to special increases, or for improvements or in conditions of employment of any grade, group or individual, without prior consultation with the Department.

Any queries in relation to this circular or the pay scales should be addressed to the Personnel Section, Department of Health and Children 6354040/6354041.

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10th March, 1999

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Section 1

Revision of Remuneration of Ambulance Personnel Outside Dublin

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Employment with regard to Ambulance Personnel.

The Minister's sanction may be assumed for the payment of the revised remuneration, for the grades involved following agreement on the Union's claim concerning their relationship with the Dublin Controller group, which has been addressed on the basis of a pay and productivity agreement.

- The revised levels of remuneration are set out on the attached Appendix 1. You should ensure that arrangements are made for the payment of the revised remuneration as soon as possible.
- Appropriate steps should be taken to initiate arrangements for the implementation of the Productivity/Flexibility Agenda (attached at Appendix 2) at the earliest possible date. You should note that implementation of the pay award is contingent on the implementation of the other aspects of the agreement. Therefore, it is incumbent on both sides to make progress at a very early date on the productivity elements of the agreement, in order to ensure that the contingent pay and non-pay elements can be implemented in accordance with the agreed schedule.
- Any queries in relation to the implementation of the revised package pay or productivity elements should be referred to the Health Service Employers Agency at (01) 6626966.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Maguire

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Hawkins House Dublin 2

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Ambulance Personnel - Provincial

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FLEXIBILITY/PRODUCTIVITY MEASURES

(Provincial Ambulance Personnel)

Management and union agree to engaging in a process at national level, ending no later than 1st June 1999, designed to address and reconcile the following:

The need to formulate relief factors to cover the following:

Annual leave
Sick leave
Training
The need to recruit relief staff.

Failing resolution of the above, it is agreed to refer the matter(s) in accordance with the provisions contained in Appendix B of Agreement with Provincial Ambulance Personnel (April 1997).

Full co-operation with the implementation of roster changes that may be expedient to fulfil the needs and requirements of the Ambulance Service with the understanding that no unilateral changes will be made by management. Both parties agree that in the event of disputes arising in this regard, the matter will be referred to the appropriate third party under normal industrial relations procedures.

All calls designated emergency to be responded to up to shift finishing time.

Full participation and co-operation with all reporting systems incorporating appropriate documentation designed for quality and delivery of care.

Co-operation with assimilation of new entrants into the Ambulance Service to include participation in the mentoring process on a more formalised basis and agreement to complete relevant documentation. Acceptance of In-Service Instructor travelling on ambulance vehicles during calls to provide feedback to staff participating in training programmes.

Co-operation with the introduction of staffing structures appropriate to the efficient and effective operation of central command and control centres. Developments in this area will follow normal negotiating procedures.

Agreement to discussions on a dispute procedure including emergency cover arrangements in line with the Code of Practice issued by the Labour Relations Commission and subsequently approved by the Minister in January 1992 in respect of emergency and essential services. (These discussions to commence at the earliest possible date).