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10th July 1998

Chief Executive Officer  
Each Health Board

Secretary/Manager  
Each Public Voluntary Hospital

I am directed by the Minister for Health & Children 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 1 July 1998

<b>1. Consultants</b>	£67.73 per 3 hour session (and pro-rata)
<b>2. Emergency Sessions</b>	The rate at 1. above subject to a minimum fee of £44.38 in the case of Anaesthetists and £26.43 in the case of Ophthalmic Surgeons.
<b>3. Community Ophthalmic Physicians</b>	£88.68 per 3 hour session
<b>4. Special rates payable for clinics held outside a radius of 25 miles.</b> (a) Where the clinics are held for <u>less</u> than 3 hours duration; hourly rate; minimum rate; (b) Where the duration is <u>not less</u> than 3 hours; first 3 hours 3 hour sessional rate for hours excess of 3	   £33.83 £67.73  £101.47 £67.73 (and pro-rata)



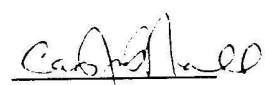
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<b>5. Pool Payments</b>  General Teaching Hospital General Non-Teaching Hospital Maternity Teaching Hospital Maternity Non-Teaching Hospital	£2.83 per bed day £1.90per bed day £5.48 per bed day £2.57 per bed day
<b>6. Private Dental Surgeons Sessional Rates</b>  (a) For clinics held on health board premises (b) For clinics held in a dentists private surgery  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.	£69.96 £93.61

Yours sincerely



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