



Date: 07-04-2026

Circular No: NCO-14-2026

Re: Structured Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Programme – Practice Nurse Support 2026

Dear Doctor,

The purpose of this circular is to inform you of the arrangements pertaining to the Chronic Disease Management Programme Practice Nurse grant payment in 2026 to augment Practice Nursing capacity.

In line with the objectives of the GP Agreement 2019, to augment Practice Nursing capacity, it has been agreed the following grant payment rates will apply;

- **CDM Treatment Programme** - a grant of €28.75 per registered eligible patient for CDM will be paid in 2026 provided that all Treatment Programme data returns for registered eligible patients during 2024 and 2025 have been submitted within the 12 month window which commences on the anniversary of the initial Chronic Disease Treatment Registration visit. For new Treatment Programme registrations occurring during 2026, the grant payment will be made, provided that one data return has been received by the HSE in respect of the registered eligible patient on or before the 1st July 2026 at 23:59:00.
- **Prevention Programme** - a grant of €14.35 per registered eligible patient on the Prevention Programme will be paid in 2026 provided that the Prevention Programme data return for registered eligible patients during 2025 has been submitted within 12 months of the first Prevention Programme review undertaken in 2025. For new Prevention Programme registrations occurring during 2026, the grant payment will be made, provided that the data return has been received by the HSE in respect of the registered eligible patient on or before the 1st July 2026 at 23:59:00.
- **Opportunistic Case Finding (OCF)** – a rate of €3.20 will be paid in 2026 per patient assessed under the OCF Programme provided that the data return has been received by the HSE on or before the 1st July, 2026 at 23:59:00.

The fee structure and fee rates for the Practice Nursing Grant are set out in Appendix 1, Table 1 to this Circular.

If you have not yet opted in to provide the CDM Programme and wish to do so in accordance with the agreed terms, conditions and standards, as set out in the 2019 Agreement, please complete and sign the “Opt in” Confirmation Form (available from your local Primary Care Unit) and return same, by email, to your local Primary Care Unit. The “Opt in” Forms will only be accepted by email. Your local Primary Care Unit will issue an acknowledgement following receipt of each “Opt In” Form. You must receive an acknowledgement from your local Primary Care Unit before registering any patients on the CDM Programme. If you have already submitted a CDM Opt In Form to the HSE there is no need to do so again.



May I take this opportunity to thank you and your Practice Staff for your efforts in implementing the 2019 and 2023 GP Agreements in your practice and I look forward to your continued cooperation in 2026.

If you have any queries on the above please contact the National Contracts office by email natcontractsoffice@hse.ie or by phone 044 9395519.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Healy', written over a thin horizontal line.

Pat Healy
National Director
National Services and Schemes



Appendix 1 – Practice Nurse Grant

Table 1 - Practice Nurse Grant

Services rendered under the General Medical Services Scheme - Agreement of 2019 and the Agreement of 2023 – Practice Nurse Grant		
1.	Practice Nurse Grant per patient registered for the Chronic Disease Management Programme or the Modified Chronic Disease Management Programme.	€28.75
2.	Practice Nurse Grant per patient registered for the Chronic Disease Prevention Programme	€14.35
3.	Practice Nurse Grant per patient assessed under the Chronic Disease Opportunistic Case Finding	€3.20