

For the Information Each Serving Member.

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Up to recently, serving members of the force could attend their own Doctor for treatment and pay his fee and submit the bill to their Superintendents Office who repaid the member the cost incurred.

To comply with Revenue Commissioners ruling on this issue, each Doctor who treats Garda members has been invited by letter to sign up to **An Garda Siochana Medical Services Scheme**. Following this process, a serving Garda can attend the Doctor for treatment but will **not** have to pay the bill. The Doctor will submit his/her invoices for all Gardai treated on a regular basis to a central payment centre at **Garda HRM, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath** or by email to HRM.Doctor.Payments@Garda.ie and the Doctor will be paid directly from there.

From a serving Garda's point of view, it is very important that your Doctor signs up to this new arrangement. If he does not, you will have to pay his bill and submit it to your Superintendent's Office who will pay you the cost incurred **less an income tax deduction at your top tax rate** which means you will only recover approx 50% of the fee you paid. You can avoid incurring this expense if your Doctor signs up to the system outlined above and there is no loss to him/her under this new system. It will be to your financial advantage to explain and convince your Doctor to sign up to this scheme.

As you know the Society does not pay a benefit where serving members visit a G.P. and this does not change as a result of this new arrangement.

Yours Sincerely,

John Fahy
SECRETARY