



Nurse & Midwife Medicinal Product Prescribing

The Clinical Indemnity Scheme (CIS) was established in July 2002 and is managed by the State Claims Agency. Under the scheme, the State assumes full responsibility for the indemnification and management of all clinical negligence claims against enterprises and practitioners covered by the scheme. This includes the voluntary and statutory services of the Health Service Executive. For more information on which enterprises are covered by the scheme, please go to www.stateclaims.ie

In relation to nurse and midwife medicinal product prescribing, the CIS provides vicarious indemnity cover to all health practitioners providing professional services for and on behalf of the hospital/enterprise (i.e. Candidate/Registered Nurse/Midwife Prescribers, medical mentors, collaborating medical practitioners, pharmacists).

CIS indemnity is provided in respect of a suit for personal injuries brought by a person alleging negligence, statutory or at common law, in respect of the provision of, or failure to provide, professional medical services. Such a suit may be against any health practitioner, in their role regarding nurse and midwife medicinal product prescribing, whether sued alone or together, arising from the prescribing of a drug or drugs by such a registered nurse/midwife prescriber. The CIS does **not** provide cover in respect of criminal matters i.e. where the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) directs criminal charges against a health practitioner.

The CIS does **not** provide representation for health practitioners in relation to fitness to practice issues. In that regard, the State Claims Agency advises health practitioners to purchase additional benefits cover, specifying cover in respect of criminal and fitness to practice matters, from their relevant defence organisations.

For the avoidance of any doubt, general practitioners, private nursing homes or other private practice settings and/or their indemnity/insurance providers are not required to extend indemnity cover to registered nurse prescribers authorised to practise in their services. The HSE registered nurse prescriber practicing in these settings, is indemnified by the CIS in respect of the provision of his/her services.

For any queries regarding this please contact info@stateclaims.ie

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