

## Medical Termination of Pregnancy

The Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 provides the legislative basis for medical termination of pregnancy in certain circumstances.

The question of whether a Medisec member may wish to provide such services or not is entirely a matter for their own discretion. We confirm that the provision of such services will be covered as per Medisec's Policy terms and conditions, subject to:

1. The GP having the appropriate training and working within and maintaining their competence
2. The GP providing the services in accordance with clinical guidelines issued by the ICGP
3. The GP following all legal, contractual and ethical obligations, and
4. Appropriate referral pathways and clinical support services being in place.

The ICGP, the professional and training body for Irish GPs, has issued guidelines regarding the provision of medical termination of pregnancy services in general practice. Clinical guidelines are the guidance for GPs for new services to facilitate high quality safe care for patients. The clinical guidelines are issued to ICGP members, and are accompanied by eLearning resources, training workshops and additional training and educational supports available on the ICGP website.

Medisec Members are reminded that they should not undertake the provision of such services without appropriate training and that cover will not be in place under the Medisec Policy unless the Medisec's Policy terms and conditions and requirements outlined at 1-4 above are met.

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