



Clinical Indemnity Scheme



State Claims Agency

Nurse & Midwife 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. For more information on which enterprises are covered by the scheme, please go to www.stateclaims.ie.

In relation to Nurse Prescribing, the CIS provides indemnity cover to nurse/midwife prescribers. The CIS also provides indemnity cover to registered medical practitioners who act as mentors to nurse prescribers and/or have signed a Collaborative Practice Agreement (An Bord Altranais) for nurse/midwife prescriptive authority (CPA).

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 either the nurse/midwife prescriber or the registered medical practitioner, in his/her role as mentor or signatory to the CPA, 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 nurse or doctor.

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

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

