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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2004 No. 140**

**The Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004**

**PART 7**

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**Additional services**

**29.**—(1) Where the contract is with one of the persons specified in paragraph (2), the contract must, subject to regulation 17, provide for the contractor to provide in core hours to the contractor's registered patients and persons accepted by him as temporary residents, such of the additional services as are equivalent to services which that medical practitioner was providing to his patients on the date that the contract is entered into –

- (a) unless the provision of those services by that medical practitioner was due to come to an end on or before the date on which services are required to start being provided under the contract; and
- (b) except to the extent that, prior to the signing of the contract, the Board has accepted in writing a written request from the contractor that the contract should not require him to provide all or any of those additional services.

(2) The persons referred to in paragraph (1) are –

- (a) an individual medical practitioner who, on 31st March 2004, was providing services under Article 56 of the Order (arrangements for general medical services);
- (b) two or more individuals practising in partnership at least one of whom was, on 31st March 2004, a medical practitioner providing services under that section; or
- (c) company in which one or more of the shareholders was, on 31st March 2004, a medical practitioner providing services under that Article.

(3) This regulation applies only to contracts under which services are to be provided from 1st April 2004.