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# Bill

*entitled*

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An Act to make provision in relation to the availability of general practitioner medical and surgical services throughout the State, and to provide for related matters.

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

## **Objective in relation to availability of general practitioner services**

1. (1) In performing its functions, the Health Service Executive (“the Executive”) shall have regard to the objective of securing, in so far as practicable and subject to the resources available to it, that the general practitioner medical and surgical service made available under section 58 of the Health Act 1970 is accessible throughout the State on a fair and equitable basis, in a manner that has regard to the nature and extent of local need for those services. 10
- (2) For the purposes of *subsection (1)*, the Executive shall have regard to all information available to it relating to— 15
- (a) the distribution of the population of the State,
  - (b) the distribution of general practitioner medical and surgical services in the State, and 20
  - (c) the likely impact on local need of social determinants of health status.
- (3) The Executive shall include within its corporate plan submitted for approval under section 29 of the Health Act 2004—
- (a) an assessment of progress towards or achievement of the objective referred to in *subsection (1)* within the period of the previous corporate plan, 25
  - (b) if in its opinion the objective has not yet been achieved, the strategies proposed by the Executive for achieving the objective within the period of the plan to be submitted for approval, and
  - (c) the manner in which it proposes to measure progress towards and achievement of the objective. 30
- (4) The Executive, in performing functions conferred on it by this section, shall ensure that the cost of performing those functions can be met from within the resources available to it and on the presumption that the moneys provided by the Oireachtas

towards meeting the costs of the health service will not, by reason only of the passing of this Act, be increased.

**Short title, collective citation and construction**

2. (1) This Act may be cited as the Health (Availability of General Practitioner Services) Act 2025.
- (2) This Act and the Health Acts 1947 to 2024 may be cited together as the Health Acts 1947 to 2025 and shall be construed together as one Act.

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# BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

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Acht do dhéanamh socrú i ndáil le hinfhaighteacht seirbhísí liachta agus máinliachta lia-chleachtóirí ginearálta ar fud an Stáit, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

*An Teachta Máire Ní Shearlóg a thug isteach,  
3 Iúil, 2025*

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*Introduced by Deputy Marie Sherlock,  
3rd July, 2025*

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