

## Annex D Practitioner data

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, tiered contributions in respect of a Practitioner or Non GP Partners are based on their actual aggregated earnings during the relevant scheme year. Therefore for 2009/10 all earnings earned in that year are added together and a contribution is based on the total amount.

For earnings in 2009/10, the table below is relevant.

| Tier | Earnings in 2009/10 | Contribution Rate |
|------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1    | Up to £20,709       | 5%                |
| 2    | £20,710 to £68,392  | 6.5%              |
| 3    | £68,393 to £107,846 | 7.5%              |
| 4    | £107,847 plus       | 8.5%              |

As Practitioners often have periods of service with Officer status, it would be useful if employers provided SPPA with any additional information they hold regarding the members Practitioner status.

Membership of the National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (NHSSS) Scotland is open to NHS (Medical, Dental and Ophthalmic) Practitioners who are registered with their relevant Local Health Board. 'Practitioner' for this purpose means the following groups of people:

**Principal Practitioners** – GMS Principal GPs, Section 17 C (PMS) GPs, Principal Dental Practitioners, Ophthalmic NHS Practitioners

**Assistant Practitioners** – GMS salaried GPs, Section 17 C (PMS) salaried GPs, GP retainers, GPs on Flexible Career Scheme, Associate GPs, GPs who are Out of Hours Providers (OOHP) and NHS Dental Trainees

**GP Locums** – Freelance GP Locums and existing GP scheme members who undertake GP locum work

GP Registrars (Previously Trainee Assistant Practitioners) are afforded Officer status in the NHSSS (Scotland).

Group Codes on related Agency NSR forms and Annual Returns information require to be recorded correctly to differentiate the various types of Practitioner. The following Group Codes are to be used:

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| Medical Principal Practitioner           | Group Code | 09 |
| Dental Principal Practitioner            | Group Code | 10 |
| Medical Assistant Practitioner/GP Locums | Group Code | 16 |
| Dental Assistant Practitioner            | Group Code | 17 |

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