



MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION REPORT ON THE SUPPLY OF PRIVATE MEDICAL SERVICES

UNDERTAKING BY THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The British Medical Association (BMA) hereby gives the following undertaking to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, under section 88(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1973, to take action requisite for the purpose of remedying or preventing the adverse effects specified in the above report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (Cm 2452, February 1994).

1. BMA will not, from the date hereof, publish in any form whatsoever,
 - (a) Private Consultant work: BMA Guidelines 1992
 - (b) any schedule, list or notification which relates to fees charged or to be charged for private medical services and which are similar in effect to the Guidelines referred to in (a) above.

2. In this undertaking:

"medical services" means provision of medical or surgical consultations, attendances or procedures by registered medical practitioners within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983, who hold or have held appointments as consultants within the National Health Service in Great Britain or the Health and Personal Social Services in Northern Ireland;

"private medical services" means medical services supplied other than for or on behalf of:

- (a) a health service body within the meaning of section 4(2) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990, or
- (b) any of the persons or bodies mentioned in section 17A(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, or
- (c) any of the persons or bodies mentioned in article 8(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.