



THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (GENERAL PRACTITIONERS COSTS) REGULATIONS 1989, AMENDMENT NO. 1

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 18th day of December 1989

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 120 (1) (f) of the Accident Compensation Act 1982, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Accident Compensation (General Practitioners Costs) Regulations 1989, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Accident Compensation (General Practitioners Costs) Regulations 1989* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Additional payment for emergency treatment in rural areas—Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (1), the following subclause:

“(1A) In any case where a travelling fee is payable under regulation 4A of these regulations and the case is one requiring immediate emergency consultation the Corporation shall, in addition to any payment under

subclause (1) of this regulation, pay in respect of so much of that consultation as exceeds 30 minutes the amount that the general practitioner would have charged the claimant if the Corporation were not making a payment in respect of that part of that consultation (less any Social Security benefit) or \$50 per hour with appropriate proportions for parts of an hour (less any Social Security benefit) whichever is the lesser.

“(1B) No payment shall be made under subclause (1A) of this regulation in respect of travelling time.”

3. Travelling fees payable in certain circumstances—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 4, the following regulation:

“4A. The Corporation shall pay travelling fees at the rate of \$1 per kilometre (less any Social Security benefit) in respect of treatment provided by a general practitioner in circumstances that attract a payment under regulation 10 of the Social Security (Medical Fees) Regulations 1986 (S.R. 1986/290).”

4. Goods and services tax—Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding, as subclause (2), the following subclause:

“(2) Notwithstanding subclause (1) of this regulation, where any amount is to be calculated in a manner that involves the deduction of any Social Security benefit, the full amount of that benefit, including any goods and services tax component, shall be deducted.”

5. New Schedule substituted—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule, and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 5

NEW SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED IN PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

“SCHEDULE

Reg. 4 (2)

“ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF TREATMENTS PROVIDED BY
GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

		\$
1. Clean and debride wound/burn	25	
2. Suturing—wound up to 5 cm	18	
3. wound greater than 5 cm	28	
4. wound greater than 10 cm	38	
Set and plaster/splint fracture—		
5. finger/toe	20	
6. wrist/arm	120	
7. ankle/leg	170	
8. Removal of foreign body from eye	25	
9. Insertion of IV line for transfusion	60	
10. Intra-articular injection	20	
11. Incise/debride abscess	30	
12. Amputation of digit (in emergency only)	100	
13. Endotacheal intubation	28	
14. Insert chest tube	28	

"SCHEDULE—continued

"ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF TREATMENTS PROVIDED BY
GENERAL PRACTITIONERS—continued

	\$
15. Pinch skin graft	75
16. Extensor tendon, primary repair	180
17. Removal of foreign body from ear, other than by simple syringing	25
18. Foreign body, exploration, and removal (other than eye or ear)	30
19. Nail, simple removal of	20
20. Nail, wedge resection of	100
<i>Dislocations</i>	
Closed reduction—	
21. finger/toe	15
22. thumb	90
23. shoulder	45
24. patella	75
<i>Anaesthetic regional block</i>	
25. Auxiliary block	56
26. Digital	28"

C. J. HILL,
for Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations provide for the payment of a travelling allowance for rural general practitioners in certain circumstances and extended consultation payments in rural emergency cases. A new Schedule is substituted specifying payments in addition to the payment for a consultation where specified treatments are provided. Items 11 to 26 of the Schedule are new.

The regulations also clarify the situation concerning deduction of Social Security benefits when calculating amounts under the regulations. The goods and services tax component of the Social Security benefit is also to be deducted.

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These regulations are administered in the Accident Compensation Corporation.