



**ACCIDENT REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION  
INSURANCE (GENERAL PRACTITIONERS COSTS) AMENDMENT  
REGULATIONS 1997**

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MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 14th day of July 1997

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 167 (1) of the Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance Act 1992, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance (General Practitioners Costs) Amendment Regulations 1997, and are part of the Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance (General Practitioners Costs) Regulations 1993\* (“the principal regulations”).

(2) These regulations are deemed to have come into force on 1 July 1997.

**2. Application**—Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following subclause:

\*S.R. 1993/202  
Amendment: S.R. 1996/297

“(3) Regulation 4 (1) (a) does not apply in respect of any treatment provided before 1 July 1997 by a general practitioner to a claimant in respect of personal injury, irrespective of the date of the charging or payment of any fee for the treatment.”

**3. Corporation to pay certain costs**—(1) Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended by revoking subclause (1), and substituting the following subclause:

“(1) For a consultation provided by a general practitioner to a claimant about the claimant’s personal injury, the Corporation must pay—

“(a) \$32.50, if the claimant is under 6 years of age at the date of the consultation:

“(b) \$26.00 (less the appropriate reduction specified in the Second Schedule), if the claimant is 6 years of age or over at the date of the consultation.”

(2) Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended by revoking subclause (10), and substituting the following subclause:

“(10) The Corporation must pay the costs required or permitted by these regulations to be paid by it,—

“(a) If they are payable under subclause (1) (a), to a Crown Bank Account nominated by the Minister of Finance:

“(b) If they are payable under any other provision of these regulations,—

“(i) To the general practitioner; or

“(ii) To a person nominated by the general practitioner; or

“(iii) To the claimant, if the claimant has already paid the general practitioner’s fee.”

**4. Second Schedule**—The Second Schedule of the principal regulations is amended by—

(a) Revoking clause 1 (b):

(b) Omitting from clause 1 (c) the figure “5”, and substituting the figure “6”:

(c) Inserting in clause 2, after the word “Child”, the words “, 6 years of age or older,”.

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations provide for the Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance Corporation to pay, from 1 July 1997, \$32.50 every time a general practitioner treats an accident victim who is under 6 years old. The payment is made to the Crown. It reimburses the Crown for the payment by the Transitional Health Authority of \$32.50 directly to the general practitioner.

The regulations are deemed to have come into force on 1 July 1997.

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These regulations are administered in the Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance Corporation.