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THE DRUG TARIFF 1974, AMENDMENT NO. 4

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction.

DIRECTION

1. Title and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 4, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1974* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of August 1975.

2. Period and quantity of supply when prescription written by a medical practitioner—The Tariff shall be read as if subclauses (1) and (5) of clause 24 were revoked and the following subclauses were, respectively, substituted:

“(1) In the case of a prescription written by a medical practitioner payment may be made pursuant to any one prescription for a quantity of the pharmaceutical requirement so prescribed sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 5 days in respect of the original supply and a further 5 days in respect of the repeat:

“Provided that, on the contractor supplying a lesser or greater quantity than that prescribed and endorsing the prescription accordingly, payment shall be made to him in respect of the amount so supplied if the quantity prescribed does not coincide with an original pack and the requirement is packed in a collapsible tube, dropper bottle, or other special container from which it is not practicable to dispense the exact quantity.

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in subclauses (1) to (4) of this clause, if a quantity greater than that sufficient for 5 days' treatment but less than 1 month's treatment is required, payment may be made for the actual quantity prescribed if the quantity required and not the period for which treatment is required, is stated by the medical practitioner, and if the medical practitioner has endorsed the prescription with the words 'extended supply'.”

3. Period and quantity of supply when prescription written by a dentist—The Tariff shall be read as if clause 25 (1) were revoked and the following subclause were substituted:

*S.R. 1974/164

Amendment No 1: (Revoked by S.R. 1975/27)

Amendment No 2: (Revoked by S.R. 1975/148)

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1975/148

“(1) In the case of a prescription written by a dentist payment may be made pursuant to any one prescription for a quantity of the pharmaceutical requirement so prescribed sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 5 days, or, if the prescription provides for a repeat, for consecutive periods not exceeding 7 days in the aggregate:

“Provided that, on the contractor supplying a lesser or greater quantity than that prescribed and endorsing the prescription accordingly, payment shall be made to him in respect of the amount so supplied if the quantity prescribed does not coincide with an original pack and the requirement is packed in a collapsible tube, dropper bottle, or other special container from which it is not practicable to dispense the exact quantity.”

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of July 1975.

T. M. McGUIGAN,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the direction, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This direction reduces the maximum quantity of drugs which will normally be dispensed free on presentation of a prescription from a 7 day supply to a 5 day supply.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This direction is administered in the Department of Health.