

THE DRUG TARIFF 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 6

Pursuant to section 99 of the Social Security Act 1964, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction.

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DIRECTION

- 1. Title, commencement, and application—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1979* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).
- (2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1981.
- (3) For the purpose of applying the Tariff after the commencement of this direction, but without affecting the validity or consequences of anything that has been done before the commencement of this direction, the Tariff shall have effect as if this amendment were the only amendment to the Tariff that has ever been made.
- 2. Prescription pricing—Clause 7 of the Tariff shall be read as if paragraph (c) were revoked.
- 3. Items not listed in the First Schedule to the Prescription Pricing Schedules—Clause 9 (1) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraphs (a) and (b), there were substituted the following paragraphs:

*S.R. 1979/72
Amendment No. 1: (Revoked)
Amendment No. 2: (Revoked)
Amendment No. 3: (Revoked)
Amendment No. 4: (Revoked)
Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1980/206

"(a) The wholesaler's selling price:

- "(b) 11.28 percent of the price specified in paragraph (a) of this subclause."
- 4. Items dispensed by count—Clause 10 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraphs (a) and (b), there were substituted the following paragraphs:

 "(a) The wholesaler's selling price:

- "(b) 11.28 percent of the price specified in paragraph (a) of this subclause."
- 5. Adjustment of dose volumes of oral liquid pharmaceutical requirements—The Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 13, there were inserted the following clause:
- "13A. (1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, where there is prescribed a dose of an oral liquid pharmaceutical requirement, and—

"(a) It is not a multiple of 5 ml; and

"(b) It is not to be administered by way of a dropper or similar device,—

payment shall be made for the quantity of diluent (being a diluent that is a pharmaceutical requirement) required to make the volume of that dose up to the nearest higher multiple of 5 ml, and of the appropriate professional fee for extemporaneously compounded pre-parations set out in the Third Schedule to the Prescription Pricing Schedules.

- "(2) No payment shall be made under subclause (1) of this clause unless the contractor concerned has noted on the prescription the quantity and description of the diluent dispensed."
- 6. Bulk supply orders and practitioners' supply orders—(1) Clause 15 (a) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression "12½", there were substituted the expression "17.37".
- (2) Clause 15 (b) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression "35", there were substituted the expression "30.63".
- (3) Clause 15 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraphs (d)

and (e), there were substituted the following paragraph:

- "(d) No payment shall be made for containers supplied with materials ordered on a bulk supply order or a practitioner's supply order:".
- 7. Claims on the Department—Clause 17 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression "10", there were substituted the expression "20".
- 8. Allergy treatment sets—Clause 18 (3) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression "20", there were substituted the expression "15".
- 9. Payment for syringes and needles—Clause 19 (3) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression "20", there were substituted the expression "15".

- 10. Payment for anaesthetic gases—Clause 21 of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression "\$1.50", there were substituted the expression "\$2.50".
- 11. Period and quantity of supply in respect of prescriptions for oral contraceptives—(1) Clause 23 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraph (f), there were substituted the following paragraph:

"(f) Where the prescription specifies a period of treatment for which the requirement is to be supplied that exceeds 3 months, a repeat on the prescription that remains unfulfilled—

"(i) Where the first lot was sufficient to provide treatment

for 3 months, after 4 months; and

"(ii) Where the first lot was not sufficient to provide treatment for 3 months, after 6 months—

from the date of first dispensing shall cease to be a charge to the department; but the contractor concerned may submit a claim for the part fulfilment of the total quantity ordered in respect of the part that is due for payment, and payment may be made accordingly."

(2) The said clause 23 shall be read as if paragraph (g) were

revoked.

12. Definition of "Retail Pharmacy—specialist prescription"—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, for clause 10, there

were substituted the following clause:

- "10. 'Retail Pharmacy—specialist prescription' means that payment may be made only when the pharmaceutical requirement concerned is supplied on a prescription, or practitioners' supply order, signed by a specialist."
- 13. Certain pharmaceutical requirements deleted from Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the First Schedule to this direction were deleted.
- 14. Certain pharmaceutical requirements added to Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if it included the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the Second Schedule to this direction and as if those requirements were available to the extent specified in that Schedule.
- 15. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 5* is hereby revoked.

*S.R. 1980/206

SCHEDULES

Cl. 13

FIRST SCHEDULE

Deletions

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Amylobarbitone sodium Amylobarbitone sodium with quinal-	
barbitone sodium capsules Baclofen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Chloral hydrate	Except in any proprietary liquid oral form, unless such a preparation is elsewhere listed in this direction.
Chloral hydrate capsules Chloral mixture, B.N.F. Chloral mixture for infants, B.N.F. Chloral syrup, B.P.C. 1968 Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	Hospital pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloram-
Chloramphenicol palmitate Chlordiazepoxide Chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride *Chlorhexidine, its salts and esters Chloroxylenol solution, B.P.C Clindamycin and its salts Clofazimine Clotrimazole cream and vaginal tablets	phenicol topical preparation. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy.
Clonazepam	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Diazepam Dichloralphenazone tablets Dipyridamole injection and tablets Disopyramide and its phosphate Dydrogesterone tablets Ether for anaesthetic purposes	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Ether, solvent, B.P.C	

^{*}Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 5.

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

DELETIONS

Pharmaceutic	al Require	ement		Availability
Ethyl chloride				Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Fenoprofen calcium Fluorouracil topical	capsules solution	and t	opical	Retail Pharmacy—dermatologist.
cream Frusemide infusion exceeding 40 mg	250 mg	and t	ablets	plastic surgeon, or oncologist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Glucose oxidase with sticks and sodiu aminoacetic acid	m nitrop	russide	nostic with	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Glutethimide				
Heparin		•••••		•••••
Isopropyl alcohol		•••••	•••••	******
Heparin Isopropyl alcohol Lorazepam tablets Methaqualone wi		 enhydra	amine	Hospital Pharmacy.
hydrochloride tab	lets	1. 1		TT
Methaqualone hydro Methohexitone sodiu				Hospital Pharmacy. Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Methoxsalen Methyprylone				Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Methylprednisolone Methysergide dimale	and its sal	lts and	csters	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Metronidazole *Mexiletine hydrochlo Miconazole nitrate			 ıginal	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
cream			Ŭ	
Naproxen tablets Neomycin sulphate sulphate and bac	with p	olymyxi nc	n B	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Nitrazepam capsules	and tabl	lets		•••••
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*Norethisterone				Approved condition—on a pre- scription or practitioner's supply order.
Oxazepam tablets	·····•	·····.		
Pancreatin propriet approved by the	ary prep Director-C	arations Seneral		Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine hydro- Pentobarbitone sodio				Hospital Pharmacy.
Pimozide tablets				Hospital Board—specialist.
Propanidid				Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Quinalbarbitone sod				*****
Sodium hypochlorite Sodium nitroprusside			nostic	Not available on a bulk supply
strips Sodium nitroprussio		aminoa	acetic	order. Not available on a bulk supply
acid diagnostic tal Sodium polystyrene Spectinomycin		e		order. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Spirit, cologne, indu Testosterone propion	istrial nate			In combination. Except in any topical application.
Tetrabromophenol b Thiopentone sodium	lue diagno	stic stic	ks 	Only on a practitioner's supply
Thioproperazine mes	ylate			order. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Not included in the Tariff 1979, Amenda	list of denent No.	eletions 5	set out	in the First Schedule to the Drug

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

DELETIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Thiothixene oral concentrate Thyroid	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
articular or intradermal injection Trichloroethylene for anaesthetic purposes Triclofos sodium syrup and tablets Trioxsalen tablets Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution	Only on a practitioner's supply order Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 14

Additions

Availability

Pharmaceutical Requirement

Thaimaccatical Requirement	11Valiability
Acetic acid with boric acid, hydroxy- quinoline sulphate and ricinoleic acid vaginal jelly	
Amylobarbitone	 (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Amylobarbitone sodium	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Amylobarbitone sodium injection Amylobarbitone sodium with quinal-barbitone sodium capsules	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Baclofen tablets Barbitone sodium	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Beclamide	
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets Bromocriptine mesylate capsules and	Not on a practitioner's supply order. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
tablets Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection Butobarbitone	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner.
Calcitriol capsules	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Calcium polystyrene sulphonate Carbenoxolone sodium tablets Cefoxitin sodium injection Chloral elixir for infants, B.N.F.	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form
Chloral hydrate	payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats. (a) Except in any proprietary liquid oral form, unless such a preparation is elsewhere listed in this
Chloral hydrate capsules	direction. (b) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (c) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Chloral mixture, B.N.F	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any
Chloral mixture for infants, B.N.F	repeats. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Chloral syrup, B.P.C. 1968	 (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment.
Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloram- phenicol topical preparation listed in this direction.
Chlordiazepoxide and its hydrochloride	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
*Chlorhexidine, its salts and esters	Not on a practitioner's supply order.
Chlorhexidine gluconate solution other than any strength specifically mentioned in this direction	Not on a practitioner's supply order.
Chlormethiazole and its esters	 (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Chlormethiazole edisylate intravenous infusion	
Chloroxylenol solution, B.P.C Chlortetracycline hydrochloride proprietary	Only on the prescription of a practitioner.
cream Clindamycin and its salts Clofazimine	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Clomipramine hydrochloride injection and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Not included in the list of additions set out Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 5	in the Second Schedule to the Drug

Additions

ADDITIONS			
Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability		
*Clonazepam *Clotrimazole vaginal cream, vaginal tablets, solution and skin cream Dantrolene sodium capsules Dexamethasone and its salts and esters, except preparations elsewhere listed in	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.		
this direction Dexamethasone sodium phosphate injection Diazepam capsules, syrup and tablets	Only on a wholesale supply order. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.		
Diazepam injection and suppositories Dipyridamole injection and tablets Disopyramide and its phospate as capsules Disopyramide phosphate injection Distigmine bromide Dydrogesterone tablets Ether for anaesthetic purposes Ether, solvent, B.P.C.	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Only on a wholesale supply order. (a) Not available on a practitioner's supply order. (b) Not available on a bulk		
Ethyl chloride Etidronate disodium tablets Fenoprofen calcium capsules of 300 mg and tablets of 600 mg Ferrous sulphate with folic acid long-	supply order. Only on a wholesale supply order. Hospital Pharmacy—specialist		
acting tablets Flucytosine infusion Flunisolide nasal spray Fluorouracil topical solution and topical cream Fluorouracil sodium oral solution Fluorouracil sodium oral solution Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg strength Fusidic acid cream	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist prescription. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.		
Glucose oxidase with peroxidase reagent strips for insulin using diabetics as approved by the Director-General	(a) Not available on a practitioner's supply order. (b) Not available on a bulk supply order. Not available on a bulk supply		
sticks and sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic sticks as approved by the Director-General Glutethimide	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any		

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repeats.

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Glycerol	
Glyceryl trinitrate ointment	
Heparin sodium	
Imipramine hydrochloride long-acting capsules	
Indomethacin long-acting capsules Ipecacuanha paedriatric emetic draught, B.N.F.	
Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler Isopropyl alcohol	(a) Not available on a prac-
	titioner's supply order. (b) Not available on a bulk supply order.
Ketoprofen suppositories Loperamide hydrochloride capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Lorezepam tablets	 (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Mebendazole tablets	Only on a wholesale supply order. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methysergide dimaleate *Metronidazole infusion* *Metronidazole suppositories and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Only on a wholesale supply order.
*Mexiletine hydrochloride capsules Mianserin hydrochloride tablets Miconazole nitrate vaginal cream, pessaries and skin cream	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Naproxen suppositories and tablets Neomycin sulphate with polymyxin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc aerosol *Nifedipine capsules Nitrazepam capsules and tablets	Only on a practitioner's supply order. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner.
	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Nitrofurazone cream and ointment Nitrofurazone urethral inserts *Norethisterone tablets 0.35 mg	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Approved condition—on a pre- scription or practitioner's sup- ply order.
*Norethisterone tablets 5 mg Oestrogens, conjugated, equine, tablets Oxazepam tablets	(a) Only on the prescription of a

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Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Pancreatin proprietary preparation as approved by the Director-General	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Propranolol hydrochloride capsules Approved by the Dricctochoride penicillamine and its hydrochloride primozide tablets prednisolone tablets, enteric coated propanidid propranolol hydrochloride long-acting capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Hospital Pharmacy. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Only on a wholesale supply order
Pyrimethamine with sulphadoxine tablets Quinalbarbitone sodium	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. (a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Sodium cromoglycate nebuliser solution Sodium hypochlorite solution as approved by the Director-General when pre- scribed for a patient on a renal dialysis unit at his own home	
Sodium nitroprusside, buffered, diagnostic strips as approved by the Director-General	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic tablets as approved by the Director-General	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Sodium nitroprusside infusion Sodium polystyrene sulphonate Spectinomycin hydrochloride Spirit, cologne industrial	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist. In combination, only on the pre- scription of a practitioner.
Sulindac tablets Testosterone propionate injection Testosterone propionate ointment Tetrabromophenol blue diagnostic sticks as approved by the Director-General	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Theophylline long-acting tablets Thiopentone sodium enema Thiopentone sodium injection, with or without water for injection	Only on a wholesale supply order. Only on a wholesale supply order.
Thioproperazine mesylate Thiothixene hydrochloride oral solution Thiothixene hydrochloride injection	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Timolol maleate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Tretinoin	Except impregnated swabs. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
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Additions

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Triamcinolone acetonide with nystatin and lignocaine hydrochloride ointment and suppositories	
Suppositories Triazolam tablets of 0.125 mg and 0.25 mg	 (a) Only on the prescription of practitioner. (b) On any one prescription for payment will be made for no more than a quantit sufficient for 30 days treament, inclusive of an repeats.
Trichloroethylene for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a wholesale supply orde
Trioxsalen tablets Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Vidarabine eye ointment	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of February 1981.

GEORGE F. GAIR, Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction provides for deletions from and additions to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Drug Tariff 1979. Deleted items do not in all cases disappear from the list, as they are sometimes added again in a varied form. Some of the items added are:

Trade Name Official Name

Adalat capsules (Retail Pharmacy— Nifedipine capsules specialist)

Canesten solution Clotrimazole solution

Selexid tablets (Hospital Pharmacy) Pivmecillinam hydrochloride tablets

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The direction makes 3 other amendments to the Tariff. First, it revokes the provision enabling a separate payment to be made in respect of special containers (such as ointment tubes and dropper bottles). Secondly, it allows for doses of oral liquid pharmaceutical requirements to be made up to quantities that are multiples of 5 ml. Thirdly, the penalty for late claims is increased from 10 percent to 20 percent.

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