



THE DRUG TARIFF 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

ANALYSIS

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DIRECTION

1. Title and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1981* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of August 1981.

2. Claims on Department—Clause 18 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (2), there were substituted the following subclause:

“(2) Where the claim relates to or includes any prescription or order that was last dispensed more than 3 months before the date on which the claim is first received by the Medical Officer of Health, the amount due to the contractor in respect of every such prescription or order so dispensed shall, unless the contractor satisfies the Medical Officer of Health that he has a reasonable excuse for his delay in submitting the claim, and subject to any general or special directions given by the Director-General, be reduced by a discount of 20 percent:

“Provided that the amount due shall not be reduced by the said discount in any case where a prescription is endorsed “extended supply” and is fulfilled in part only and is received by the Medical Officer of Health for payment within 6 months of the date of initial dispensing, or within 9 months in the case of a prescription form including an oral contraceptive.”

3. Practitioner's supply orders—Clause 28 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (1), there were substituted the following subclause:

“(1) Notwithstanding anything in this direction, a practitioner may obtain, pursuant to a practitioner's supply order, such pharmaceutical

requirements as he expects to be required for personal administration to patients under his care, if the quantities ordered are reasonable for up to one month's supply in the conditions obtaining in his practice; but no payment will be made for any pharmaceutical requirement that is specifically restricted in the Schedule to this direction. The practitioner may be called upon to justify the amounts ordered."

4. Certain pharmaceutical requirement deleted from Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if the pharmaceutical requirement specified in the First Schedule to this direction were deleted.

5. 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.

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SCHEDULES
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FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 4

DELETION

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion Retail Pharmacy—specialimore than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 5

ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Amyl nitrite
Amylobarbitone and its sodium salt	(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.
Coal tar and salicylic acid ointment BP
Hydrocortisone and its acetate for intra-articular injection
Hydrocortisone sodium succinate intravenous injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of August 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 corrects typographical errors in the Drug Tariff 1981.

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