



THE DRUG TARIFF 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 4

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 and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 4, 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 1982.

(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. Scope of direction—Clause 3 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if the following paragraphs were added:

“(o) Lubricating jellies and catheter lubricants:

“(p) Sterile diluents for nebulising solutions.”

3. Prices for pharmaceutical requirements—(1) Clause 5 (6) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression “10”, there were substituted the expression “15”.

(2) Clause 5 (7) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression “25”, there were substituted the expression “35”.

*S.R. 1981/171

Amendment No. 1: (Revoked)

Amendment No. 2: (Revoked)

Amendment No. 3: 1982/14

4. Water—Clause 15 of the Tariff shall be read as if subclause (2) were revoked.

5. 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.”

6. Payment for plastic syringes—The Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 20, there were inserted the following clause:

“20A. Payment to a contractor in respect of plastic syringes allowed under the Schedule to this direction shall be computed by adding together the cost price of the requirements, 15 percent of that cost price, the appropriate professional fee, and the average container charge.”

7. Period and quantity of supply where prescription written by medical practitioner—Clause 23 of the Tariff shall be read as if, after paragraph (a), there were inserted the following paragraph:

“(aa) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this clause, where the medical practitioner prescribes a pharmaceutical requirement specified in the Schedule to this direction as being subject to ‘antibiotic restriction’, payment may be made for only such amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 4 days and, where the prescription specifies a repeat, for only such further amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for one further period not exceeding 4 days, unless the prescription is endorsed ‘extended supply’, and specifies in it the quantity required or the period for which treatment is required, in which case payment may be made for the actual quantity dispensed if that quantity does not exceed that necessary to provide treatment for a period of 3 months:

“Provided that where a patient is receiving an extended supply of such a requirement, that requirement shall be dispensed in monthly lots, unless—

“(i) The medical practitioner endorses the prescription with a statement of the period for which each lot is to be dispensed; or

“(ii) The contractor or the patient endorses the back of the prescription with a statement of the special reasons why a greater quantity is required to be dispensed.”

8. Period and quantity of supply when prescription written by dentist—Clause 25 of the Tariff shall be read as if, after paragraph (a), there were inserted the following paragraph:

“(aa) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this clause, where the dentist prescribes a pharmaceutical requirement specified in the Schedule to this direction as being subject to ‘antibiotic restriction’, payment may be made for only such amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 4 days and, where the prescription specifies a repeat, for only such further amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for one further period not exceeding 4 days.”.

9. 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 1 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.”

10. Definition of “Antibiotic restriction”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 1, there were inserted the following clause:

“1A. ‘Antibiotic restriction’ means that payment for prescriptions for oral forms of the pharmaceutical requirement may be made only in accordance with clause 23 (aa) or clause 25 (aa) of this direction (as the case requires).”

11. Definition of “Diabetic syringes”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 3, there were inserted the following clause:

“3A. ‘Diabetic syringes’ means that payment may be made for up to 13 plastic syringes with attached needles as a single supply if the prescription is written on the same prescription form as a prescription for 3 months supply of insulin, or as a single supply, for up to 1 plastic syringe with attached needle for every week’s supply of insulin prescribed if the prescription for insulin calls for less than 3 months supply.”

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 3* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

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Deletions

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Amoxicillin trihydrate	Except in any topical application
Ampicillin and its salts	Except in any topical application
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion... ..	Retail Pharmacy—specialist more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats
Ascorbic acid	Except tablets exceeding 100 mg each. In other cases not exceeding a strength of 100 mg per dose
Aspirin, soluble, tablets BP... ..	...
Bendrofluazide with potassium chloride tablets	...
Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection ...	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
*Cefaclor monohydrate capsules and oral suspension	Hospital Pharmacy
*Cephalexin monohydrate	Hospital Pharmacy
*Cephadrine	Hospital Pharmacy
*Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters... ..	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation listed in this direction
Clindamycin and its salts	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Clomiphene citrate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Cloxacillin sodium ... ..	...
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—only on a prescription
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General, together with applicator when specified	Approved condition—only on a prescription
*Co-trimoxazole ... ..	...
Cyclopentiazide with guanethidine sulphate and potassium chloride tablets	...
Cyclopentiazide with potassium chloride tablets	...
Cyclopentiazide with reserpine and potassium chloride tablets	...
*Demeclocycline hydrochloride capsules 150 mg	...
Dithranol ... ..	...
*Doxycycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg, tablets 100 mg and injection	...
*Epicillin ... ..	...
*Erythromycin and its salts and esters ...	Except in any topical application unless such an application is elsewhere listed in this direction
Flucloxacillin ... ..	...
*Flufenamic acid capsules	Hospital Pharmacy
*Framycetin sulphate tablets	Hospital Pharmacy
*Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin suspension	Hospital Pharmacy
*Lincomycin hydrochloride	Except in any topical application
*Loperamide hydrochloride capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Lymecycline capsules 150 mg and capsules 300 mg	...
Mebendazole tablets ... ..	...
*Mefenamic acid capsules	Hospital Pharmacy
*Minocycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg ...	...
*Neomycin and its salts for oral or parenteral use	Hospital Pharmacy
Nicotinic acid	Not exceeding a strength of 500 mg per dose

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

Deletions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Nicotinyl alcohol long-acting tablets and tablets	...
*Oxytetracycline dihydrate tablets 250 mg ...	...
*Oxytetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg and injection	...
*Phenoxymethylpenicillin capsules ... ..	...
*Phenoxymethylpenicillin and its salts ...	Except in any topical application
*Phenoxymethylpenicillin hydrabamine ...	Except in any topical application
*Phenoxymethylpenicillin tablets ... ..	...
*Phthalylsulphathiazole ... ..	...
*Pivampicillin and its salts	Except in any topical application
*Pivmecillinam hydrochloride tablets	Hospital Pharmacy
Rauwolfia (whole root), standardised and hydroflumethiazide with potassium chloride tablets	...
*Spirit, cologne, industrial	In combination, only on the prescription of a practitioner
*Sulphadiazine ... ..	...
*Sulphadimidine ... ..	...
*Sulphadimidine mixture for infants BPC ...	...
*Sulphafurazole and derivatives ... ..	...
*Sulphaguanidine ... ..	...
*Sulphamethizole ... ..	...
*Sulphaphenazole ... ..	...
*Sulphapyridine ... ..	...
*Sulphonamides, triple, mixture and tablets as approved by the Director-General	...
*Tetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg and capsules 500 mg	...
*Tetracycline hydrochloride tablets 250 mg and tablets 500 mg	...
*Tetracycline hydrochloride, phosphate buffered, capsules 250 mg	...
*Tetracycline phosphate 250 mg with nystatin capsules	...
*Triacetyloleandomycin	Except in any topical application
Urea ... ..	...
Water, purified	In combination
Water for injections	(a) When prescribed on the same prescription or order form as injections requiring a solvent or diluent
	(b) When used in the extemporaneous compounding of eye drops ...
Zinc undecenoate with undecenoic acid cream and dusting powder	...

*Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 3

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Additions

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Adrenaline not exceeding a strength of 0.5 percent with guanethidine sulphate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Aminoglutethimide tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Amoxicillin trihydrate	(1) Antibiotic restriction (2) Except in any topical application
Ampicillin sodium only as injection ... ..	...
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
Antazoline phosphate with naphazoline hydrochloride eye drops	Not exceeding 10 ml per pack
Ascorbic acid	Not exceeding a strength of 100 mg per dose
Aspirin, soluble, tablets ... ..	...
Azatadine maleate as syrup and tablets	...
Betamethasone dipropionate scalp lotion	...
Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection	(1) Hospital Pharmacy—specialist; or (2) On a practitioner's supply order
Buprenorphine hydrochloride sublingual tablets	Hospital Pharmacy
Calcium carbonate with aminoacetic acid and dimethicone oral liquid	...
Captopril tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Castor oil single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
*Cefaclor monohydrate capsules and oral suspension	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
Cefuroxime sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
*Cephalexin monohydrate	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Cephradine	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	(1) Antibiotic restriction; and (2) Retail Pharmacy—specialist; or (3) As an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation listed in this direction
*Chloramphenicol single dose eye drops	On a practitioner's supply order
Chloramphenicol with polymyxin B sulphate eye drops	...
*Clindamycin hydrochloride	(1) Retail Pharmacy—specialist, unless as a topical preparation listed in this direction; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
Clindamycin hydrochloride in extemporaneously prepared skin lotions	...
Clindamycin phosphate only as an injection	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Clomiphene citrate tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, only on a prescription for a female patient
Cloxacillin sodium only as an injection ... ..	...
Coal tar and salicylic acid ointment BP	...
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General together with applicator when specified	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Additions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Co-trimoxazole	Antibiotic restriction
Danthron with poloxalkol capsules ... ..	...
*Demeclocycline hydrochloride capsules 150 mg Dithranol only in extemporaneously com- pounded preparations	Antibiotic restriction ...
*Doxycycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg, tablets 100 mg and injection	Antibiotic restriction
*Epicillin	Antibiotic restriction
*Erythromycin and its salts and esters	(1) Antibiotic restriction (2) Except in any topical application unless such an application is elsewhere listed in this direction
Fenoterol hydrobromide elixir ... ..	...
*Flucloxacillin sodium capsules 250 mg and syrup of 125 mg per 5 ml	Antibiotic restriction
*Fluorescein sodium with lignocaine hydroch- loride single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
*Flurbiprofen tablets ... ..	...
*Framycetin sulphate tablets	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
Hydrocortisone and its acetate for intra- articular injection	...
Hydrocortisone butyrate with chlorquinaldol cream and ointment	...
Hydrocortisone sodium succinate intravenous injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Iodoxuridine with dimethyl sulphoxide if extem- poraneously prepared	Not exceeding 10 ml per prescription form
*Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler for nasal use ... ..	...
*Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin suspension	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Lincomycin hydrochloride	(1) Except in any topical application (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Loperamide hydrochloride as capsules ... ..	...
*Lymecycline capsules 150 mg and capsules 300 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Masa estarinum suppository base ... ..	...
Mebendazole tablets	Not exceeding 6 tablets per person per prescription
Mecillinam injection	Hospital Pharmacy
*Mefenamic acid capsules	Only on a prescription for a female patient, provided that no more than 30 capsules per month (with a maximum of 3 months supply) are prescribed
*Methclothiazide tablets ... ..	...
*Miconazole tincture ... ..	...
*Miconazole nitrate powder and lotion ... ..	...
*Minocycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg	Antibiotic restriction
Nefopam hydrochloride injection	(1) Hospital Pharmacy—specialist; or (2) On a practitioner's supply order
*Neomycin and its salts for oral or parenteral use	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
Nicotinic acid ... ..	...
Nicotinyl alcohol long-acting tablets of 150 mg and tablets	...
*Oxytetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Paraffin liquid, light, as a bath oil ... ..	...

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Additions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Paraffin liquid with paraffin white soft eye ointment ... ..	...
*Phenoxyethylpenicillin potassium salt ...	(1) Except in any topical application (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Phenoxyethylpenicillin hydrabamine ...	(1) Except in any topical application (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Phenylephrine hydrochloride single dose eye drops... ..	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Phenytoin tablets ... ..	...
*Phthalylsulphathiazole	Antibiotic restriction
*Piroxicam capsules ... ..	...
*Pivampicillin and its salts	(1) Except in any topical application (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Pivmecillinam hydrochloride	(1) Hospital Pharmacy; and (2) Antibiotic restriction
Polymyxin B sulphate proprietary ear drops ...	...
Silver sulphadiazine with chlorhexidine digluconate cream	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Sodium chloride injection	(a) In quantities of 50 ml or less per unit only on a prescription, or a practitioner's supply order, or a bulk supply order (b) In quantities exceeding 50 ml per unit only on a wholesale supply order
*Sulphacetamide sodium single dose eye drops ...	Only on a practitioner's supply order
*Sulphadiazine	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphadiazine sodium injection ... ..	...
*Sulphadimidine	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphadimidine mixture for infants BPC ...	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphafurazole and derivatives	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphaguanidine	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphamethizole	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphaphenazole	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphapyridine	Antibiotic restriction
*Sulphonamides, triple, mixture and tablets as approved by the Director-General	Antibiotic restriction
Syringes, plastic for insulin, with attached needle as approved by the Director-General	Diabetic syringes
*Tetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg and capsules 500 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Tetracycline hydrochloride tablets 250 mg and tablets 500 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Tetracycline hydrochloride, phosphate buffered, capsules 250 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Tetracycline phosphate 250 mg with nystatin capsules	Antibiotic restriction
*Triacetyloleandomycin	(1) Except in any topical application (2) Antibiotic restriction
*Trimethoprim tablets	Antibiotic restriction
*Tropicamide single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Troxidone capsules ... ..	...
Urea	Except in any proprietary preparation, unless that preparation is elsewhere listed in this direction

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued**Additions—continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Water for injections 	(a) In quantities of 50 ml or less per unit when prescribed on the same prescription or order form as injections mentioned in this direction and requiring a solvent or diluent (b) In quantities exceeding 50 ml per unit only on a wholesale supply order (c) When used in the extemporaneous compounding of eye drops

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 3

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of June 1982.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction limits to a period of 4 days, with a repeat supply limited to 4 days, the supply of certain antibiotics that in normal circumstances will be provided free if prescribed. It also provides for deletions from and additions to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Drug Tariff 1981. 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:

<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Official Name</i>
Atrovent Nasal	Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler for nasal use
Daktarin lotion, powder and tincture	Miconazole and miconazole nitrate
Enduron	Methyclothiazide
Feldene	Piroxicam
Froben	Flurbiprofen
Triprim (Antibiotic restriction)	Trimethoprim

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