

THE DRUG TARIFF 1984, AMENDMENT NO. 5

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 1984, Amendment No. 5, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1984* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).
 - (2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1985.
- (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 had ever been made.
- 2. Interpretation—(1) Clause 2 (1) of the Tariff shall be read as if, after the definition of the term "The Act", there were substituted the following definition:
 - "'Area Health Board' means an Area Health Board under the Area Health Boards Act 1983:".

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(2) The said clause 2 (1) shall be read as if, for the definition of the term "Outpatient", there were substituted the following definition:

'Outpatient' means any person being treated at any hospital under the control of a Hospital Board or an Area Health Board, otherwise than as an inmate:".

3. Prices for pharmaceutical requirements—(1) Clause 5 (5) of the Tariff shall be read as if there were inserted, after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:

"(aa) Any amount by which payment has been reduced under clause 7 (1) (b), clause 21 (3) (b), or clause 22 (1) (b) of this direction:".

(2) Clause 5 (b) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression "15", there were substituted the expression "20".

(3) Clause 5 (7) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression "35", there were substituted the expression "40".

4. Calculation of payments—The Tariff shall be read as if for clause 7 there were substituted the following clause:

"7. (1) Payment for a pharmaceutical requirement when dispensed shall be calculated by-

- "(a) Adding together—
 "(i) The total selling price of the requirement's ingredients;
 - "(ii) The amount specified in the Second Schedule to the Prescription Pricing Schedules for the average container charge;
 - "(iii) If the requirement is dispensed in a container having a child-resistant closure, the amount specified in that schedule for such a closure; and

"(iv) The appropriate professional fee set out in the Third

Schedule to the Prescription Pricing Schedules; and

"(v) If that requirement is the residue of a quantity of a Class B controlled drug that was prescribed as an initial supply but could not, at the time of initial dispensing, be supplied in that quantity, the appropriate additional fee set out in that schedule; and

"(b) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, subtracting \$1.

"(2) In calculating payment for a pharmaceutical requirement, \$1 shall not be subtracted-

"(a) If-

"(i) The person for whom that requirement is prescribed belongs to a class of person specified in subsection (1A) or subsection (1B) of section 93 of the Act; and

"(ii) The prescription concerned is either endorsed to that effect by the practitioner concerned or (where the contractor concerned is satisfied that the endorsement or lack of endorsement of the practitioner concerned is erroneous) endorsed to that effect and initialled by the contractor; and

"(iii) That prescription relates only to requirements prescribed

for that person; or

"(b) If-

"(i) The person for whom that requirement is prescribed does not belong to a class of person specified in subsection (1A) or subsection (1B) of section 93 of the Act; and

"(ii) The contractor concerned is satisfied that the Director-General has exempted that person from the payment of a flat prescription charge; and

"(iii) The prescription relates only to requirements prescribed

for that person; or

"(c) If--

"(i) The person for whom that requirement is prescribed does not belong to a class of person specified in subsection (1A) or subsection (1B) of section 93 of the Act; and

"(ii) The contractor concerned is not satisfied that the Director-General has exempted that person from the payment of a flat

prescription charge; and

"(iii) That requirement is a contraceptive; and

"(iv) The prescription concerned relates only to contraceptives prescribed for that person."

5. Payment for syringes and needles—Clause 21 of the Tariff shall be read as if for subclause (3) there were substituted the following subclauses:

"(3) Payment of any such claim shall be computed by—

"(a) Adding together—

"(i) The cost price of the requirements concerned; and

"(ii) 15 percent of that price; and

"(iii) The appropriate professional fee; and

"(b) Subject to subclause (4) of this clause, subtracting \$1.

- "(4) In calculating payment for any such claim, \$1 shall not be subtracted if the person for whom the requirement concerned is prescribed belongs to a class of person specified in subsection (1A) or subsection (1B) of section 93 of the Act and the said form is endorsed to that effect by the contractor concerned."
- **6. Payment for plastic syringes**—The Tariff shall be read as if for clause 22 there were substituted the following clause:

"22. (1) Payment to a contractor for plastic syringes allowed under the Schedule to this direction shall be computed by—

"(a) Adding together—

"(i) The cost price of those syringes; and

"(ii) 15 percent of that price; and

"(iii) The appropriate professional fee; and

"(iv) The average container charge; and

"(b) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, subtracting \$1.

- "(2) In calculating payment for plastic syringes, \$1 shall not be subtracted if—
 - "(a) The person for whom that requirement is prescribed belongs to a class of person specified in subsection (1A) or subsection (1B) of section 93 of the Act and the prescription concerned is either endorsed to that effect by the practitioner concerned or (where the contractor concerned is satisfied that the endorsement or lack of endorsement of the practitioner concerned is erroneous) endorsed to that effect and initialled by the contractor concerned; and
 - "(b) The prescription concerned relates only to requirements prescribed for that person."

7. Period and quantity of supply where prescription written by medical practitioner—The Tariff shall be read as if for clause 25 there were substituted the following clause:

"25. In the case of a prescription for a pharmaceutical requirement (other than an oral contraceptive) written by a medical practitioner, the following

provisions shall apply:

"(a) Payment may be made for only such amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 3 months, or, in the case of a Class B controlled drug, a quantity sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 1 month:

"(b) Where the medical practitioner has prescribed a quantity sufficient to provide treatment for more than 1 month, that requirement

shall be dispensed in monthly lots, unless-

"(i) The medical practitioner endorses the prescription with the quantity to be dispensed on one or more occasions or with a statement of the period for which one or more lots 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:

"(c) 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; but 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 the quantity to be dispensed on one or more occasions or with a statement of the period for which one or more lots is to be

dispensed; or

"(ii) The contractor or the patient endorses the prescription with a statement of the special reasons why a greater quantity

is required to be dispensed:

"(d) Any prescription that is not presented to a contractor for dispensing within 7 days of its being written in the case of a Class B controlled drug, or within 3 months of its being written in any other case, shall cease to be a charge to the Department:

"(e) A repeat on a prescription that remains unfulfilled after—

"(i) Three months from the date of first dispensing in the case of a prescription for a pharmaceutical requirement for a total supply of from 1 to 3 months; or

"(ii) One month from the date of first dispensing in any other case-

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."

- 8. Period and quantity of supply in respect of prescriptions for oral contraceptives—Clause 26 of the Tariff shall be read as if paragraph (a) were revoked.
- 9. Period and quantity of supply when prescription written by dentist—Clause 27 (c) of the Tariff shall be read as if the words "endorses the prescription with the words extended supply and" were revoked.
- 10. Original packs and certain antibiotics—Clause 28 of the Tariff shall be read as if for subclause (1) there were substituted the following subclause:
- "(1) Notwithstanding clauses 25 and 27 of this direction, if a practitioner orders a pharmaceutical requirement that is packed in a special container from which it is not practicable to dispense lesser amounts, or in a collapsible tube, every reference in those clauses to an amount for which payment may be made shall be deemed to be a reference-

"(a) Where an amount by weight or volume of the requirement is specified in the prescription, to the smallest container of the requirement, or the smallest number of containers of the requirement,

sufficient to provide that amount; and

"(b) In every other case, to the amount contained in the smallest container of the requirement that is manufactured in or imported into New Zealand."

- 11. Bulk supply orders—Clause 29 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if, after the words "controlled drug", there were inserted the words "or for buprenorphine hydrochloride".
- 12. Practitioner's supply orders—Clause 30 (2) (d) of the Tariff shall be read as if-
 - (a) After the words "controlled drug", there were inserted the words "or for buprenorphine hydrochloride"; and
 - (b) After the words "Hospital Board", there were inserted the words "or an Area Health Board".
- 13. Endorsement of prescription with words condition"—The Tariff shall be read as if clause 32 were revoked.
- 14. Definition of "Antibiotic restriction"—Clause 2 of Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression "25 (b)", there were substituted the expression "25 (c)".
- 15. Definition of "Approved condition"—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if clause 3 were revoked.
- **16. Definition of "Diabetic syringes"**—Clause 5 of Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expressions "13" and "1" there were substituted, respectively, the expressions "26" and "2".

- 17. Definition of "Hospital Pharmacy"—Clause 6 of Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after the words "Hospital Board", there were inserted the words "or an Area Health Board".
- **18. Definition of "Hospital Pharmacy-dermatologist"**—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, for clause 7, there were substituted the following clause:
- "7. 'Hospital Pharmacy-dermatologist' means that the pharmaceutical requirement concerned may be supplied free of charge only by a Hospital Board or an Area Health Board to a person who is not an inpatient of a public hospital, and on the prescription of a specialist in dermatology."
- 19. Definition of "Hospital Pharmacy-specialist"—Clause 8 of Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after the words "Hospital Board", there were inserted the words "or an Area Health Board".
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.
- 22. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1984, Amendment No. 4* is hereby revoked.

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SCHEDULES

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FIRST SCHEDULE

DELETIONS

(Whether or not included, in a varied form, in the additions specified in the Second Schedule)

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets *Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection	Retail Pharmacy-specialist (a) Hospital Pharmacy—specialist; or (b) On a practitioner's supply order
*Buprenorphine hydrochloride sublingual tablets Contraceptives, caps as approved by the Director	Hospital Pharmacy Approved condition—only on a
General Contraceptives, condoms as approved by the Director-General	wholesale supply order Approved condition—only on a prescription
Contraceptives, condoms with a spermicidal agent, as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—only on a prescription
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—on a prescription or on a practitioner's supply order
Contraceptives, intra-uterine devices as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—only on a wholesale 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
Corticotrophin	Hospital Pharmacy Hospital Pharmacy
Corticotrophin zinc injection	Hospital Pharmacy
*Demeclocycline hydrochloride capsules 150 mg	Antibiotic restriction
Desogestrel with ethinyloestradiol tablets	Approved condition—on a prescription
·	or practitioner's supply order
Diazepam rectal tubes	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel	Approved condition—on a prescription
Ethinyloestradiol with lynoestrenol tablets	or a practitioner's supply order Approved condition—on a prescription
Ethinyloestradiol with norethisterone	or a practitioner's supply order Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order
Ethynodiol diacetate tablets	Approved condition—on a prescriptior or a practitioner's supply order
Ethynodiol diacetate with ethinyloestradiol	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order
Ethynodiol diacetate with mestranol	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order
Hydroxyzine hydrochloride	Hospital Pharmacy
Lactulose	Hospital Pharmacy
Levonorgestrel	Approved condition—on a prescription
Medroxyprogesterone acetate injection	or practitioner's supply order Approved condition—on a prescription
Nefopam hydrochloride injection	or practitioner's supply order (a) Hospital Pharmacy-specialist; or (b) On a practitioner's supply order
Neomycin and its salts for topical use	(b) On a practitioner's supply order
Nifedipine capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Norethisterone tablets 0.35 mg	Approved condition—on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Norethisterone with mestranol tablets	Approved condition—on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Norethisterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	Approved condition—on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Norethynodrel with mestranol	Approved condition—on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Norgestrel with ethinyloestradiol	Approved condition—on a prescription or practitioner's supply order

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Pentazocine and its salts as injection and tablets	Hospital Pharmacy, or on practitioner's supply order
Propantheline bromide	
Ranitidine hydrochloride injection and tablets	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Sodium valproate	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Spironolactone tablets exceeding 25 mg strength	Retail Pharmacy specialist
Tamoxifen citrate	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Tetracosactrin	Hospital Pharmacy
Tetracosactrin, long acting	Hospital Pharmacy
Theophylline long acting capsules (as approved by the Director General) and long acting tablets	···
Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution and tablets	

^{*}Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1984, Amendment No. 4

SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 21

ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Acyclovir skin cream	Only on a prescription form, not exceeding 2 g per prescription form
Acyclovir tablets	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Alúminium hydroxide gel with magnesium	
hydroxide and activated dimethicone tablets	
Atracurium besylate injection	Only on a wholesale supply order
Auranofin tablets	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Beclomethasone dipropionate aerosol of 250 mcg per dose for oral use	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Beta-carotene with canthaxanthin capsules	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Betamethasone sodium phosphate tablets	,
*Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection and tablets	
Castor oil with resorcinol, salicylic acid and undecylenic alkanolamide scalp solution	
*Clobazam tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Contraceptive, caps as approved by the Director	
General	1 ,
Contraceptives, condoms as approved by the Director-General	Only on a prescription
Contraceptives, condoms with a spermicidal agent, as approved by the Director-General	Only on a prescription
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director General	On a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Contraceptives, intra-uterine devices as approved by the Director-General	
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General together with applicator when specified	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Corticotrophin gelatin injection	
Desogestrel with ethinyloestradiol tablets	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Diazepam rectal tubes	
Diclofenac sodium injection	
Diltiazem hydrochloride tablets	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Enalapril maleate tablets	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Ephedrine sulphate injection	
Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel	Only on a prescription or practitioner' supply order

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Ethinyloestradiol with lynoestrenol tablets	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Ethinyloestradiol with norethisterone	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Ethynodiol diacetate tablets	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Ethynodiol diacetate with ethinyloestradiol	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Ethynodiol diacetate with mestranol	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Flecainide acetate injection and tablets Gentamicin sulphate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy-specialist Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Gentamicin sulphate eye drops Gliclazide tablets *Glyceryl trinitrate aerosol inhaler for oral use	
Hydroxyzine hydrochloride tablets	 Retail Pharmana association
*Insulin isophane, human, injection 100 units per ml	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Insulin isophane, human, with insulin neutral, human, injection 100 units per ml	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Insulin neutral, human, injection 100 units per ml *Insulin zinc suspension, human, injection 100 units per ml	Retail Pharmacy—specialist Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Insulin zinc suspension, crystalline, human, injection 100 units per ml	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Ketotifen syrup and tablets	•••
Lactulose	Only on a prescription or practitioner's
*Lithium carbonate capsules	supply order
Loprazolam mesylate tablets	(a) Only on the prescription of a
	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days' treatment, inclusive or any repeats
Mannitol sachets	Only on a prescription not exceeding 30 ml per person
Medroxyprogesterone acetate injection	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
*Metoclopramide hydrochloride with paracetamol tablets	
*Midazolam injection Mini peak flow meters as approved by the Director- General	Only on a wholesale supply order Only on a wholesale supply order
Minocycline hydrochloride tablets 50 mg Morphine sulphate long-acting tablets	Antibiotic restriction
Nadolol tablets	
maleate eye drops Nefopam hydrochloride injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Neomycin and its salts as skin preparations *Neomycin sulphate, with or without other	
pharmaceutical requirements, in extemporaneously compounded ear drops or nasal drops	
Nifedipine capsules and tablets Norethisterone tablets 0.35 mg	 Only on a prescription or practitioner's
Norethisterone with mestranol tablets	supply order Only on a prescription or practitioner's
Norethisterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	supply order Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Norethynodrel with mestranol	Only on a prescription or practitioner's supply order
Norfloxacin tablets Norgestrel with ethinyloestradiol	Hospital Pharmacy specialist
*Ornidazole oral tablets with a vaginal tablet	
Ornidazole suppositories and vaginal tablets Oxybutynin chloride syrup and tablets *Paraffin liquid with wool fat liquid eye ointmen	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Pentazocine and its salts as an injection and tablet Pirenzepine hydrochloride tablets	
	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days' treatment, inclusive of
Probucol tablets	any repeats Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Propantheline bromide tablets	· ·
Ranitidine hydrochloride injection Ranitidine hydrochloride tablets	(a) Only on a prescription with a daily
	dose not exceeding 150mg; or (b) On a prescription with a daily dose exceeding 150 mg, in which case
	payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats, on any one prescription form
Sodium cromoglycate eye ointment	77 1 Dl
Sodium valproate	
Sotalol hydrochloride injection and tablets	(1001
	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any
Tamoxifen citrate	repeats
Tetracosactrin	
Tetracosactrin, long-acting	
Tioconazole skin lotion	
Tobramycin eye ointment	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution and tablets	d (a) Only on the prescription of a
	(b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any
*Vecuronium bromide injection	repeats Only on a wholesale supply order
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[&]quot;Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1984, Amendment No. 4.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of November 1985.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction makes 3 changes to the provisions of the Drug Tariff 1984.

First, it provides for contractors to be reimbursed with the cost of a full tube, or number of tubes, of an ointment or cream packed in a collapsible tube, if the amount prescribed does not coincide with that of an original pack or number of original packs. Secondly, it requires that orders for supplies of buprenorphine hydrochloride on a bulk supply order or a practitioner's supply order are to be made on the special controlled drugs forms supplied by the Department of Health.

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Thirdly, the direction provides for deletions from and additions to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1984. 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
CSL·Novo Human Insulins (Retail Pharmacy·specialist)	Human insulins
Duratears	Paraffin liquid with wool fat liquid eye ointment
Frisium tablets (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Clobazam tablets
Hypnovel injection (On a wholesale supply order)	Midazolam injection
Naphcon-A eye drops	Naphazoline hydrochloride with pheniramine maleate eye drops
Nitrolingual oral spray	Glyceryl trinitrate aerosol inhaler for oral use
Norcuron (On a wholesale supply order)	Vecuronium bromide
Nordisk-Wellcome Human Insulins (Retail Pharmacy— specialist)	Human insulins
Paramax tablets	Metoclopramide hydrochloride with paracetamol tablets
Tiberal Combipack	Ornidazole oral tablets with a vaginal tablet

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