

THE DRUG TARIFF 1990, AMENDMENT NO. 8

PURSUANT to section 99 of 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 1990, Amendment No. 3, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1990* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff.)
 - (2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of June 1991.
- (3) For the purpose of its application after the commencement of this direction, the Tariff shall have effect as if the amendments effected to it by this direction and by the Drug Tariff 1990, Amendment No. 2 are the only amendments that have ever been made to it.
- (4) Subclause (3) of this clause does not affect the validity or consequences of anything done before the commencement of this direction.
- 2. Practitioner's supply orders—(1) Clause 25 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclauses (1) and (2), there were substituted the following subclauses:
- "(1) Subject to subclause (2A) of this clause, notwithstanding anything in this direction, a practitioner may obtain, pursuant to a practitioner's supply order and subject to any condition set out in Part II of the Schedule.—
 - "(a) If the quantities ordered do not exceed those specified in Part III of the Schedule, any requirement specified in that Part:
 - "(b) If—
 - "(i) The practitioner's normal practice is in the Hauraki Gulf Ward of Auckland City, the Strath Taeri Ward of Dunedin City, or a ward named in the first column of Part IV of the Schedule of a district named in the second column of that part opposite the ward's name, or the practitioner is a locum for a practitioner whose normal practice is in such a ward; and

"(ii) The quantities ordered are reasonable for up to 1 month's supply in the conditions normally obtaining in the practice,-

such requirements as the practitioner expects to be required for personal administration to patients under the practitioner's

"(1A) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of subclause (1) of this clause,—

"(a) No payment will be made under that paragraph for any requirement specifically restricted in Part II of the Schedule; and "(b) Before payment will be made under that paragraph, a practitioner

may be called on to justify the amounts of requirements

ordered.

"(2) Subject to subclause (2A) of this clause, payment shall be made to the contractor on the presentation of the practitioner's supply order, on a form supplied by the Department, if at the time of supply the order—

'(a) Is signed personally and dated by the practitioner; and

"(b) Sets out the practitioner's address; and

"(c) Sets out the requirements and the quantities of them ordered.

"(2A) Any order for a class B controlled drug or for buprenorphine hydrochloride shall be written on a controlled drug form supplied by the Department."

(2) Clause 12 of the Drug Tariff 1990, Amendment No. 2 is hereby

consequentially revoked.

3. Remote areas for practitioner's supply orders—The Third Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1990, Amendment No. 2 shall be read as if there were added to Part IV of the Schedule to the Tariff the names of the wards and districts specified in the Schedule to this direction.

SCHEDULE

Cl. 3

WARDS ADDED TO PART IV OF SCHEDULE

Ward			District
Kerikeri .		 	 Far North
Coromandel-Colville			 Thames Coromandel
Warkworth		 	 Rodney
Helensville		 	 Rodney
Wellsford .		 	 Rodney
Kumeu .		 	 Rodney
Te Puke		 	 Bay of Plenty
Galatea .		 	 Whakatane [*]
Western		 	 Stratford
Wairoa .		 	 Wairoa
Waipawa .		 	 Central Hawkes Bay
Dannevirke		 	 Tararua
Greytown		 	 South Wairarapa
Lincoln-Prebbleton			 Selwyn
Temuka .		 	 Timáru
Deep Creek		 	 Waimate
Mataura		 	 Gore
Winton		 	 Southland

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of May 1991.

M. WILLIAMSON, For Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction, which comes into force on 1 June 1991, removes the requirement that a practitioner's supply order must be in the practitioner's own handwriting; and adds to the list of remote areas in which a practitioner whose normal practice is in that area may order certain requirements on a practitioner's supply order.

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This direction is administered in the Department of Health.