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**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (PHYSIOTHERAPY BENEFITS)
REGULATIONS 1951, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 1st day of September
1954

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1938, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Physiotherapy Benefits) Regulations 1951, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Physiotherapy Benefits) Regulations 1951* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term "Fund", the following definition:

“‘Group’ means a number of patients, consisting of not less than two nor more than ten, who are receiving treatment collectively on any separate occasion:”

3. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (3), the following subclause:

“(3A) For the purposes of these regulations, the treatment known as remedial exercises may be given to a patient as a member of a group.”

4. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding to subclause (1) the words “Where the treatment is given to the patient as a member of a group, that fact shall also be entered”.

5. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By inserting in subclause (1), after the words “any person”, the words “, otherwise than as a member of a group,”:

(b) By adding to the proviso to subclause (1) the words “whether the treatment is given to that person individually or as a member of a group”.

* Statutory Regulations 1951, Serial number 1951/43, page 160.

6. (1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 9, the following regulations:

“9A. (1) Where, on or after the 1st day of October 1954, any physiotherapist, being a contractor under these regulations, affords any physiotherapy benefits to any group in accordance with these regulations he shall be entitled to receive from the Fund a fee of 2s. 6d. in respect of each patient in that group for each separate occasion on which any such benefits are afforded:

“Provided that no contractor shall be entitled to more than one fee in respect of the same person for treatment given on any one day, whether the treatment is given to that person individually or as a member of a group.

“(2) The right to claim payment of a fee in accordance with this regulation in respect of any treatment shall be subject to the condition that the contractor has not claimed and will not claim from the patient or any other person in respect of the same treatment a fee in excess of 3s. 6d.

“9B. Nothing in regulation 9 or regulation 9A hereof shall apply in any case where the patient or a responsible person acting on behalf of the patient notifies the contractor in writing that any treatment given by the contractor is not to be regarded as physiotherapy benefits for the purposes of these regulations. In any such case no fees shall be payable from the Fund, and the fees chargeable by the contractor shall be as agreed upon between the parties.”

(2) Subclause (3) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations is hereby consequentially revoked.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*]

The effect of the amendments made by these regulations is that payments for physiotherapy benefits may be made from the Social Security Fund to contracting physiotherapists in respect of patients who have received treatment by way of remedial exercises as members of a group of not less than two nor more than ten persons. The fee payable from the Fund for each patient in the group is 2s. 6d. for each treatment; and the maximum additional fee that the physiotherapist may claim from the patient is 3s. 6d. for each treatment. The fact that it is a group treatment is to be entered in the physiotherapist's records. These provisions apply to treatments given on or after 1 October 1954.

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These regulations are administered in the Health Department.