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**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (PHYSIOTHERAPY BENEFITS)  
REGULATIONS 1951, AMENDMENT NO. 6**

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**BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General**  
**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 8th day of March 1965

Present:

**THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING 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.

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**REGULATIONS**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Physiotherapy Benefits) Regulations 1951, Amendment No. 6, 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 6 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting in paragraph (b) of subclause (3), after the word "weeks", the words "or such other period or periods as may be authorised by the Medical Officer of Health pursuant to subclause (4) of this regulation".

3. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations is hereby further amended by adding to subclause (4) the following proviso:

"Provided that in any specified case the Medical Officer of Health, if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for the recommended treatment or treatments to be given within a period or the periods hereinbefore specified, may authorise such treatment or treatments to be given within such further period or periods, not extending for longer than six months from the date of the recommendation, as he thinks fit."

4. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (3).

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

\*S.R. 1951/43 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 and 2: S.R. 1956/135)  
 Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1957/17  
 Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1958/86  
 Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1962/215

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The effect of regulations 2 and 3 is to empower a Medical Officer of Health to authorise treatment to be given over a period longer than that permitted by regulation 6 of the principal regulations if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for the recommended treatment to be given within the permitted period. At present the maximum period of treatment that may be given as physiotherapy benefits on any one recommendation of a medical practitioner is six weeks, and this period may, by regulation 6A of the principal regulations, be extended up to six months by the Director-General in the case of certain illnesses, diseases, or disorders.

Regulation 4 revokes the requirement that a contracting physiotherapist must disclose the amount of any additional charge made to a patient under the regulations.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.