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THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1946, AMENDMENT NO. 12

RICHARD WILD, Administrator of the Government

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 18th day of May 1970

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title—These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 12, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

2. Laboratory services excluded from regulations—Regulation 4 of the principal regulations (as amended by regulation 2 (1) of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 1) is hereby further amended by adding to subclause (2) the following paragraph:

“(f) Laboratory services for the diagnosis of pregnancy.”

3. New scale of fees—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 11), and substituting the new Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 11, are hereby consequentially revoked.

*S.R. 1946/24 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 3: S.R. 1954/204)

Amendment No. 4: (Revoked by S.R. 1960/16)

Amendment No. 5: (Revoked by S.R. 1962/187)

Amendment No. 6: (Revoked by S.R. 1963/72)

Amendment No. 7: (Revoked by S.R. 1964/35)

Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1964/19

Amendment No. 9: (Revoked by S.R. 1967/181)

Amendment No. 10: (Revoked by S.R. 1969/22)

Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1969/22

4. Date when new fees come into effect—The new scale of fees substituted by these regulations shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided, in accordance with the provisions of the principal regulations, on or after the 1st day of June 1970; and with respect to such services provided before that date the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 3

NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

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Reg. 9

SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF
 LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
	<i>Haematology</i>	\$
A. 1	Blood count complete (red and white cells, Hb., differential count and haematocrit estimations) ..	1.50
A. 2	Haemoglobin estimation	0.50
A. 3	Red cell count or packed cell volume	0.50
A. 4	White cell count	0.50
A. 5	Differential white cell count or examination of blood film or both	0.50
A. 6	Blood sedimentation rate (or equivalent test) ..	0.50
A. 7	Platelet count	0.50
A. 8	Bleeding time	0.50
A. 9(a)	Blood coagulation time	1.00
A. 9(b)	Clot retraction (semiquantitative)	0.50
A. 10	Blood prothrombin test	1.50
A. 11	Red cell fragility test	2.00
A. 12	Reticulocytes, siderocytes, Heinz bodies, etc. ..	0.50
A. 13	L.E. cell test	2.00
A. 14	Bone marrow examination	4.00
A. 15	Thromboplastin generation test	4.00
A. 16	Prothrombin consumption test	2.00
A. 17	Partial thromboplastin time or kaolin clotting time	2.50
A. 18	Red cell or white cell enzymes	2.00
	<i>Blood Grouping</i>	
B. 1	A.B.O. series	0.50
B. 2	Rhesus group	0.50
B. 3	Coomb's test	1.00
B. 4	Rhesus titre	2.00
B. 5	Rhesus phenotyping	2.00
B. 6	Serum screening for antibodies—antenatal ..	2.00
B. 7	Donath Landsteiner test	1.00

General Biochemistry

(Quantitative examinations of blood, urine, cerebrospinal fluid, sweat, saliva, amniotic fluid, faeces, exudates, etc. Qualitative examinations are excluded except where specified)

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
C. 1	Non-protein nitrogen or urea nitrogen	1.00
C. 2	Glucose (or other sugar)	1.00
C. 3	Chlorides or bromides	1.50
C. 4	CO ₂ combining power, bicarbonate or pCO ₂ (one only)	2.00
C. 5	Bile pigments	1.00
C. 6(a)	Cholesterol	2.00
C. 6(b)	Total lipids	2.00
C. 6(c)	Triglycerides	2.00
C. 7	Uric acid	2.00
C. 8	Calcium	2.00
C. 9	Phosphorus	2.00
C. 10	Iron	2.00
C. 11	Iron combining power	2.00
C. 12	Sodium	2.00
C. 13	Potassium	2.00
C. 14	Acid phosphatase	2.00
C. 15	Alkaline phosphatase	2.00
C. 16	Creatinine	1.00
C. 17	Diastase	1.00
C. 18	Transaminase— (a) S.G.O.T.	2.00
	(b) S.G.P.T.	2.00
C. 19	Similar enzymes	2.00
C. 20	Total proteins	1.00
C. 21	Albumin globulin ratio or electrophoretic pattern of proteins	2.00
C. 22	Haemoglobin pigments— (a) Qualitative (including Hams' acid serum test, Schumms test)	1.00
	(b) Quantitative (including chemical methods of estimating abnormal haemoglobins and hap- toglobins)	2.00
C. 23	Protein bound iodine	4.00
C. 24	Magnesium	2.00
C. 25	Serum vitamin B12	4.00
C. 26	Serum folic acid	4.00
C. 27(a)	Fibrinogen (semiquantitative)	2.00
C. 27(b)	Fibrinogen screening	1.00
C. 28	T ₃ I ¹³¹ , red cell or resin uptake, or equivalent	2.00
C. 29(a)	Immune globulins (quantitative), per fraction	1.00
C. 29(b)	Immunoelectrophoresis, per patient	2.00
C. 30	Blood pH	2.00
C. 31	Blood ammonia	3.00

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
C. 32	Serum carotene	2.00
C. 33	Cryoglobulins (semiquantitative)	2.00
C. 34	pO ₂	2.00
C. 35	Lithium	2.00

Urine Biochemistry

D. 1	Urine 17 Ketosteroids	4.00
D. 2	Urine adrenocortical steroids	4.00
D. 3	Bence-Jones protein in urine	1.00
D. 4	Urine porphyrins	1.00
D. 5	Urine porphyrinogen	1.00
D. 6(a)	Catecholamines (qualitative)	1.00
D. 6(b)	Catecholamines (quantitative)	4.00
D. 7	Vanilmandelic acid	4.00
D. 8	Chorionic gonadotrophin	4.00
D. 9	Urinary amino acid chromatography	2.00
D. 10	Hydroxyindolacetic acid	4.00
D. 11	Oestriol	4.00
D. 12	Urinary calculus analysis	2.00

Cerebrospinal Fluid Biochemistry

E. 1	C.S.F. colloidal gold test	1.00
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Faeces Biochemistry

F. 1	Faeces fat—	
	(a) Qualitative	0.50
	(b) Quantitative	4.00
F. 2	Faeces occult blood	0.50
F. 3	Faeces porphyrins	1.00
F. 4	Faeces trypsin (quantitative)	1.50

Biochemical Function Tests

G. 1	Urine concentration and dilution tests	1.00
G. 2	Urea clearance test	2.00
G. 3	Creatinine clearance test	2.00
G. 4	Gastric analysis: fractional test meal or augmented histamine test	4.00
G. 5	Gastric analysis: quinine excretion or similar test	2.00
G. 6	Liver function tests (flocculation or precipitation)—	
	Each test	0.50
	Maximum	1.50
G. 7	Bromsulphthalein retention	4.00
G. 8	Congo red absorption	4.00
G. 9	Sweat chloride (qualitative)	2.00
G. 10	Basal metabolic rate estimations	4.00

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
<i>Bacteriology: Direct Examinations and Cultures</i>		
H. 1	Direct examination of smears for organisms ..	1.00
H. 2(a)	Examination of pus, sputum, urine, faeces, exudates, etc., by direct smear and aerobic culture ..	2.00
H. 2(b)	Urine colony count	2.00
H. 3	Anaerobic culture, additional	1.50
H. 4	Direct examination of urine, pus, sputum, etc., for tubercle bacilli	1.00
H. 5	Culture for tubercle bacilli	4.00
H. 6	Antibiotic sensitivity tests— Each test	0.50
	Maximum	1.00
H. 7	Sulphonamide sensitivity tests— Each test	0.50
	Maximum	1.00
H. 8	Hair and epithelium for fungi	1.00
H. 9	Culture for fungi	1.50
H. 10	Blood culture	2.00
H. 11	Animal inoculation (diphtheria, tuberculosis) ..	4.00
<i>Bacteriology: Microscopy</i>		
I. 1	Urine: examination centrifuged deposit	1.00
I. 2	C.S.F.: cell count	1.00
I. 3	Seminal fluid examination	1.00
I. 4	Direct examination for trichomonads	1.00
I. 5	Faeces, examination for parasites and ova ..	1.00
I. 6	Blood films for malaria and other parasites ..	1.00
I. 7	Dark ground examination	2.00
I. 8	Urine leucocyte count (quantitative)	1.00
<i>Bacteriology: Serology and Skin Sensitivity Tests</i>		
J. 1	Mantoux test— Single test	1.50
	Multiple tests over three, each	0.50
J. 2	Skin sensitivity tests	2.00
J. 3	Casoni test	2.00
J. 4	Heterophile antibody (Paul-Bunnell)— (a) Screening (slide)	0.50
	(b) Presumptive	1.00
	(c) Presumptive and confirmatory	3.00
J. 5	Tests for syphilis and gonorrhoea— (a) Fluorescent treponemal test	3.00
	(b) Complement fixation test	1.00
	(c) Flocculation or precipitation test ..	0.50
J. 6	Tests for hydatids— (a) Hydatid haemagglutination test	2.00
	(b) Hydatid latex test	1.00
	(c) Hydatid complement fixation test ..	1.00

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
J. 7	Serological tests for auto-immune diseases—	
	(a) Screen test	1.00
	(b) Titre	2.00
J. 8(a)	Antistreptolysin titre	2.00
J. 8(b)	Anti-Hyaluronidase test	2.00
J. 9	C-reactive protein test	0.50
J. 10	Agglutination against organisms such as typhoid group or Brucella group—	
	Single organism	1.00
	Maximum	2.00
J. 11	Leptospira agglutination	4.00
J. 12(a)	Toxoplasma dye or haemagglutination test	2.00
J. 12(b)	Toxoplasma complement fixation test	1.00
J. 12(c)	Toxoplasma latex test	1.00

Morbid Histology and Cytology

K. 1	Histological examination per case—	
	1. Single specimen (minor)	4.00
	2. Two specimens (intermediate)	8.00
	3. Three or more specimens (major)	12.00
	maximum	
K. 2	Cytological examination—	
	(a) Cervical smears (per case)	1.50
	(b) Other cytological examinations	3.00"

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe a new scale of fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services provided, in accordance with the principal regulations, on or after 1 June 1970. A code of reference for use when claims are submitted has been included.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.