



THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1946, AMENDMENT NO. 14

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 18th day of December 1972

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, 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. 14, 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. New scale of fees—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 2 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 13), and substituting the new Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

3. 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 October 1972; 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.

4. Group tests—Regulation 9 of the principal regulations (as amended by regulation 2 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 8) is hereby further amended by inserting, after subclause (1), the following subclause:

*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: (*Revoked by S.R. 1970/96*)
- Amendment No. 12: S.R. 1970/96
- Amendment No. 13: S.R. 1971/106

“(1A) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, in any case where the medical practitioner on whose recommendation the laboratory diagnostic services are provided has requested that all the tests comprised in any one of the 8 groups listed under the initial letter K in the Schedule hereto be performed in respect of a particular patient, the reduced fee prescribed in respect of each such test shall be payable by the Department, whether or not some other fee in respect of that test is prescribed elsewhere in the said Schedule, and instead of any such other fee.”

5. Claims—Regulation 11 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “name of” in paragraph (b) of subclause (2) (as substituted by regulation 6 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 1), the words “, or particulars which, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, are sufficient to identify,”.

6. Revocation—The Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 13, are hereby revoked.

Reg. 2

SCHEDULE

NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 9

“SCHEDULE

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(a)	Red cell fragility	2.00
A. 11(b)	Red cell autohaemolysis	4.00
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

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
	\$	
<i>Haematology—continued</i>		
A. 18	Red cell or white cell enzymes	2.00
A. 19	Measurement of red cell mass	5.00
A. 20	Chromosome analysis (for Philadelphia chromosome or similar abnormality)	3.00
<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
<i>General Biochemistry</i>		
(Quantitative examinations of blood, urine, cerebrospinal fluid, sweat, saliva, amniotic fluid, faeces, exudates, etc. Qualitative examinations are excluded except where specified.)		
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)	Serum triglycerides and other lipid fractions (each at)	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) SGOT	2.00
	(b) SGPT	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

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
	<i>General Biochemistry—continued</i>	
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 haptoglobins)	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 maximum	1.50 4.50
C. 29(b)	Immuno-electrophoresis, per patient	2.00
C. 30	Blood pH	2.00
C. 31	Blood ammonia	3.00
C. 32	Serum carotene	2.00
C. 33	Cryoglobulins (semiquantitative)	2.00
C. 34	pO ₂	2.00
C. 35	Lithium	2.00
C. 36	Serum barbiturate	4.00
C. 37	Serum pyruvate	2.50
C. 38	Blood alcohol for diagnostic purposes	4.00

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	CSF colloidal gold test	1.00
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SCHEDULE—*continued*

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
	<i>Faeces Biochemistry</i>	\$
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
<i>Biochemical Function Tests</i>		
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 precipita- tion)—	
	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
G. 11	Xylose absorption test	4.00
<i>Bacteriology: Direct Examinations and Cultures</i>		
H. 1(a)	Direct microscopic examination with or without stain (including leucocyte counts in biological fluids)	1.00
H. 1(b)	Direct microscopic examination with dark ground illumination	2.00
H. 1(c)	Direct microscopic examination after digestion or concentration	2.00
H. 2	Routine <i>primary</i> culture per specimen	2.00
H. 3	Special <i>additional</i> cultural procedures (gonococci, diphtheria organisms, anaerobes, etc.)	1.50
H. 4	Colony counts by dilution techniques	2.00
H. 5(a)	TB culture	4.00
H. 5(b)	Blood culture	4.00
H. 6	Identification of bacterial species from routine culture by—	
	(a) Enzyme or biochemical test—	
	Each test	0.50
	Maximum	2.00
	(b) Serological identification—	
	Each culture—slide method	0.50
	Each culture—tube method	1.00

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
<i>Bacteriology: Direct Examinations and Cultures—continued</i>		\$
H. 7(a)	Qualitative chemotherapeutic sensitivity test—	
	Each agent	0.50
	Maximum per organism	1.50
H. 7(b)	Quantitative (tube or plate dilution) chemotherapeutic sensitivity test—	
	Each agent	1.00
	Maximum per organism	3.00
H. 7(c)	Special chemotherapeutic tests, e.g. serum assays; patient's serum v. own organism; antibiotic combinations	4.00
H. 8	Toxin tests	4.00
H. 9	Seminal fluid fertility check	2.00
H. 10	Animal inoculation	4.00
 <i>Bacteriology: Serology and Skin Sensitivity Tests</i>		
I. 1	Mantoux tests—	
	Single test	1.50
	Multiple tests over three, each	0.50
I. 2	Skin sensitivity tests	2.00
I. 3	Casoni test	2.00
I. 4	Heterophile antibody (Paul-Bunnell)—	
	(a) Screening (slide)	0.50
	(b) Presumptive	1.00
	(c) Presumptive and confirmatory	3.00
I. 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
I. 6	Tests for hydatids—	
	(a) Hydatid haemagglutination test	2.00
	(b) Hydatid latex test	1.00
	(c) Hydatid complement fixation test	1.00
I. 7	Serological tests for auto-immune diseases—	
	(a) Screen test	1.00
	(b) Titre	2.00
	(c) Immunofluorescent antigen antibody detection (each)	3.00
I. 8(a)	Antistreptolysin titre	2.00
I. 8(b)	Anti-hyaluronidase test	2.00
I. 9	C-reactive protein test	0.50
I. 10(a)	Agglutination against organisms such as typhoid or brucella group—	
	Single organism	1.00
	Maximum	2.00
I. 10(b)	Brucella complement fixation test	1.00
I. 11	Leptospira agglutination	4.00

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
<i>Bacteriology: Serology and Skin Sensitivity Tests—continued</i>		
		\$
I. 12(a)	Toxoplasma dye or haemagglutination test	2.00
I. 12(b)	Toxoplasma complement fixation test	1.00
I. 12(c)	Toxoplasma latex test	1.00
I. 13	Other complement fixation tests (psittacosis, etc.)	1.00
<i>Morbid Histology and Cytology</i>		
J. 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
	4. Frozen section (extra)	4.00
J. 2	Cytological examination—	
	(a) Cervical smears (per case)	1.50
	(b) Other cytological examinations	3.00
<i>Group Tests</i>		
		Reduced Fee \$
K. 1	Liver function tests—	
	(a) Bilirubin	0.80
	(b) Alkaline phosphatase	1.60
	(c) SGOT	1.60
	(d) SGPT	1.60
	(e) Protein + Electrophoresis	2.40
K. 2	Myocardial enzymes—	
	(a) SGOT	1.60
	(b) LDH	1.60
	(c) CPK	1.60
K. 3	Electrolytes—	
	(a) Sodium	1.60
	(b) Potassium	1.60
	(c) Chlorides	1.20
K. 4	Lipid tests—	
	(a) Cholesterol	1.60
	(b) Triglycerides	1.60
K. 5	Thyroid function tests—	
	(a) Protein bound iodine or equivalent	3.20
	(b) T ₃ resin uptake	1.60
K. 6	Antenatal group—	
	(a) Hb	0.40
	(b) PCV	0.40
	(c) Blood film	0.40

SCHEDULE—continued

Code		Reduced Fee
	<i>Group Tests—continued</i>	
		\$
	(d) Antibodies	1.60
	(e) ABO	0.40
	(f) Rh blood group	0.40
	(g) WR or other screening test for Syphilis	0.80
K. 7	Neonatal group—	
	(a) Hb	0.40
	(b) PCV	0.40
	(c) Blood film	0.40
	(d) Coombs	0.80
	(e) Bilirubin	0.80
	(f) ABO	0.40
	(g) Rh blood group	0.40
K. 8	Coagulation screen—	
	(a) Complete blood count	1.20
	(b) Platelets	0.40
	(c) Prothrombin estimation	1.20
	(d) PTTK	2.00
	(e) Bleeding time and thrombin clotting time	1.20"

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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 on or after 1 October 1972.

In addition, provision is made for the payment of reduced fees where certain groups of tests are carried out in respect of a patient.

The regulations also provide for the medical practitioner who requested any test to be identified on the claim form by a code or by any other means.

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