



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES)  
REGULATIONS 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 2**

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DAVID BEATTIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 18th day  
of March 1985

Present:

THE HON. G. W. R. PALMER PRESIDING 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.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 2, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) Except as provided in subclauses (3) and (4) of this regulation, these regulations shall come into force on the 14th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

(3) Regulation 7 of these regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of August 1984, and shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after that date.

(4) Regulation 8 of these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1985, and shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after that date.

**2. Interpretation**—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “The Act”, the following definition:

“ ‘Area health board’ means an area health board constituted under the Area Health Boards Act 1983:”.

(2) The said regulation 2 is hereby amended by inserting in the definition of the term “pathologist”, after the words “engaged by”, the words “an area health board or”.

**3. Nature of benefits provided**—Regulation 3 (2) (e) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “under the control of”, the words “an area health board or”.

**4. Application of regulations**—Regulation 4 (a) (ii) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “engaged by”, the words “an area health board or”.

**5. Payment of fees for laboratory services**—Regulation 8 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “engaged by” in both places where they occur, the words “an area health board or”.

**6. Services rendered by Boards**—Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “no”, the words “area health board or”.

**7. Increase in fees on and after 1 August 1984**—(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, the Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 7 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 1) shall be read as if each fee set out in it was increased by 3 percent.

(2) Where a claim for fees under the principal regulations is made in respect of a combination of laboratory diagnostic services, whether a combination of quantity or types or both, the total amount payable shall be calculated by taking the sum of the relevant fees set out in the said Schedule (as so substituted) and increasing the amount so arrived at by 3 percent.

**8. Further increase in fees on and after 1 April 1985**—(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, the Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 7 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 1, and amended by regulation 7 (1) of these regulations) shall be read as if each fee set out in it was further increased by 7.55 percent.

(2) Where a claim for fees under the principal regulations is made in respect of a combination of laboratory diagnostic services, whether a combination of quantity or types or both, the total amount payable shall be calculated by taking the sum of the relevant fees set out in the said Schedule (as so substituted), increasing that sum by 3 percent, and then further increasing the amount so arrived at by 7.55 percent.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

*Regulations 2 to 6* of these regulations extend to area health boards those provisions of the principal regulations which apply to Hospital Boards.

*Regulation 7* of these regulations increases, by 3 percent, the fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after 1 August 1984.

*Regulation 8* of these regulations further increases, by 7.55 percent, the fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after 1 April 1985.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.