



THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 9

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 12th day of March 1990

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 116 and 132 of 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, commencement, and application—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 9, 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 subclause (3) of this regulation, these regulations shall come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, and shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after that date of commencement. In respect of laboratory

*S.R. 1981/327

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1983/84

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1985/42

Amendment No. 3: *(Revoked by S.R. 1986/274)*

Amendment No. 4: *(Revoked by S.R. 1987/149)*

Amendment No. 5: *(Revoked by S.R. 1987/246)*

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1987/246

Amendment No. 7: S.R. 1988/183

Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1989/39

diagnostic services provided before that date of commencement, the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

(3) In respect of the tests specified by code references C10, C50, and D70 in Part I of the Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 6 (1) of these regulations), regulations 4 and 6 of these regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of May 1989 and shall apply in respect of laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after that date. In respect of laboratory diagnostic services (being tests specified by the said code references) provided before that date, the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

2. Application of regulations—Regulation 4 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 2 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 7) is hereby amended by revoking paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) That they are performed—

“(i) By or under the supervision of a recognised pathologist;
or

“(ii) By a laboratory assistant approved by the Director-General of Health (either generally or in respect of the particular services) under the supervision of a medical practitioner employed or engaged by an area health board.”

3. Payment of fees for laboratory services—(1) Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

“(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, in any case where the medical practitioner at whose request the laboratory diagnostic services are provided has requested that all the tests comprised in any one of the group tests specified by code reference in Part II of the Schedule to these regulations be performed in respect of a particular patient, the fee prescribed in respect of each such group test shall be payable by the Department, whether or not some other fee in respect of any of the individual tests that comprise that group test is prescribed in Part I of the said Schedule.”

(2) Regulation 4 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 1 is hereby consequentially revoked.

4. Amount of goods and services tax included—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 8, the following regulation:

“8A. The fees prescribed in the Schedule to these regulations are inclusive of goods and services tax under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.”

5. Payment to recognised pathologists—Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclauses:

“(2) Every claim by a recognised pathologist under these regulations for payment of fees shall be made in the first instance to the Department, and shall be made in a format approved by the Director-General of Health.

“(2A) The maximum number of claims that may be made by a recognised pathologist for any test specified in the Schedule to these regulations performed in respect of any particular patient on any one day shall not exceed the number specified in respect of that test in the said Schedule.”

6. New Schedule to principal regulations—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 2 (1) of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 6), and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 6 and the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 8 are hereby consequentially revoked.

Reg. 6

SCHEDULE

NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Regs. 8, 8A, 9 (2A)

“SCHEDULE

PART I

SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
BIOCHEMISTRY TESTS			
BA	BIOCHEMISTRY, ADRENAL TESTS		
BA1	Cortisol, serum	7.23	3
BA2	Cortisol, (stimulation or suppression tests)	21.70	1
BA3	Catecholamines, 24 hr. urine	7.23	1
BA4	Vanilylmandelic acid, 23 hr. urine	7.23	1
BA5	Urine free cortisol	7.23	1
BE	BIOCHEMISTRY, ELECTROLYTE TESTS		
BE1	Sodium, serum	3.62	1
BE2	Potassium, serum	3.62	1
BE3	Sodium and Potassium, serum	6.55	1
	(a) BE1 Sodium, serum		
	(b) BE2 Potassium, serum		
BE4	Chloride, serum	2.71	1
BE5	Sodium, 24 hr. urine	3.62	1
BE6	Potassium, 24 hr. urine	3.62	1
BE7	Sodium and Potassium 24 hr. urine	6.55	1
	(a) BE5 Sodium, 24 hr. urine		
	(b) BE6 Potassium, 24 hr. urine		

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
BE8	Calcium, serum	3.62	1
BE9	Calcium, 24 hr. urine	3.62	1
BEA	Phosphate, serum	3.62	1
BEB	Magnesium, serum	3.62	1
BEC	Magnesium, urine	3.62	1
BF	BIOCHEMISTRY, FAECES TESTS		
BF2	Faecal fat (quantitative)	7.23	1
BF3	Occult blood	0.90	3
BF5	Faecal reducing substances	3.29	4
BG	BIOCHEMISTRY, GLUCOSE TESTS		
BG1	Glucose, serum	3.29	3
BG2	Fructosamine or glycosylated protein	3.29	1
BG3	Glucose Tolerance Test standard	24.63	1
BG4	Glucose Tolerance Test post-polycoese screen	10.35	1
BH	BIOCHEMISTRY, HAEMOPOIETIC TESTS		
BH1	Ferritin, serum	8.21	1
BH2	Transferrin, serum	7.23	1
BH3	Iron binding capacity, serum	7.23	1
BH4	Iron, serum	7.23	1
BH5	Vitamin B12, serum	7.23	1
BH6	Folate, serum	7.23	1
BH7	Folate, red cell	7.23	1
BL	BIOCHEMISTRY, LIPID TESTS		
BL1	Cholesterol total, serum	3.62	1
BL3	Triglycerides, fasting only	3.62	1
BL4	Fasting lipid group test	8.69	1
	(a) BL1—Cholesterol total		
	(b) HDL		
	(c) LDL		
	(d) BL3—Triglycerides, fasting		
BL5	Lipoproteins, electrophoresis, serum	3.62	1
BM	BIOCHEMISTRY, MONITORING TESTS FOR DRUGS		
BM1	Digoxin	9.03	1
BM2	Lithium	3.62	1

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BM3	Antiepileptics	9.03	6
BM4	Theophylline	8.21	1
BP	BIOCHEMISTRY, PROTEIN TESTS		
BP1	Proteins total, serum	1.80	1
BP2	Albumen, serum	1.80	1
BP3	Protein electrophoretic pattern, serum	3.62	1
BP4	Electrophoresis concentrated urine	16.68	1
BP5	Immunoglobulins (IgA, IgE, IgG, or IgM)	2.71	4
BP6	Immunoelectrophoresis for Bence-Jones protein	41.71	1
BP7	Proteins, 24 hr. urine	1.80	1
BR	BIOCHEMISTRY, RENAL TESTS		
BR1	Creatinine, serum	3.29	1
BR2	Urea, serum	3.29	1
BR3	Urate or uric acid, serum	3.62	1
BR5	Urinary calculus analysis	3.62	1
BR8	Creatinine, 24 hr. urine	3.29	1
BR9	Creatinine clearance test	6.55	1
BS	BIOCHEMISTRY, BLOOD GAS ASSAYS		
BS1	Bicarbonate or total CO ₂ , serum	3.62	1
BS2	pH, pO ₂ , and pCO ₂	14.78	1
BT	BIOCHEMISTRY, THYROID TESTS		
BT1	Thyroid stimulating hormone, serum (TSH)	8.21	1
BT2	Free thyroxine index or free T ₄	8.62	1
BT3	Serum free T ₃	7.23	1
BU	BIOCHEMISTRY, UNCATEGORISED TESTS		
BU1	Hydroxy-indoleacetic acid (Serotonin)	7.23	1
BV	BIOCHEMISTRY, LIVER TESTS		
BV1	Bilirubin total, serum	3.29	1
BV2	Bilirubin total, conjugated and unconjugated serum	6.55	1
BV4	Alcohol, diagnostic purposes only	7.23	1
BV9	Liver function screen	17.24	1

(a) BV1 Bilirubin total

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	(b) BZ5 Alkaline phosphatase		
	(c) BZ2 Aspartate amino transferase (AST)		
	(d) BZ8 Alanine amino transferase (ALT)		
	(e) BP1 + BP2 Protein (Total, albumin and globulin)		
	(f) BZ6 Gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT)		
BX	BIOCHEMISTRY, REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM TESTS		
BX1	Chorionic Gonadotrophin screen, including pregnancy tests (HCG)	7.23	1
BX2	Chorionic Gonadotrophin screen plus quantitative (HCG)	14.47	1
BX3	Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)	7.00	1
BX4	Luteinising hormone (LH)	7.00	1
BX7	Prolactin, serum	9.09	1
BZ	BIOCHEMISTRY, ENZYME TESTS		
BZ1	Amylase	3.29	1
BZ2	Aspartate amino transferase, serum (AST)	3.62	1
BZ3	Creatine (Phospho) kinase, serum (CK)	3.62	1
BZ4	Acid phosphatase, serum	3.62	1
BZ5	Alkaline phosphatase, serum	3.62	1
BZ6	Gamma glutamyl transferase, serum (GGT)	3.62	1
BZ7	Myocardial screen	8.62	1
	(a) BZ2 Aspartate amino transferase (AST)		
	(b) BZ3 Creatine (Phospho) kinase (CK)		
	(c) BZ9 Creatine kinase isoenzyme (CK-MB), if indicated		
BZ8	Alanine amino transferase (ALT)	3.62	1
BZ9	Other enzymes where specifically requested	3.62	1
BZP	Acid phosphatase (prostatic)	3.62	1

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CYTOLOGY AND MORBID HISTOLOGY			
C10	Cytological examination of cervical smears (per accession)	12.50	1
C20	Cytological examination of smears from other sites (per accession) ..	14.45	1
C30	Cytological urgent examination of smear taken during surgery, extra ..	54.11	1
C40	Cytological examination of fine needle aspiration taken and examined by pathologist	54.11	1
C50	Histology (per accession)	45.00	1
C80	Histology—frozen section during surgery, extra	54.11	1
DIAGNOSTIC IMMUNOLOGICAL AND SEROLOGICAL TESTS			
D01	Skin tests, immediate hypersensitivity	3.62	10
D12	Tuberculin skin test	2.71	1
D14	Other skin tests for cell mediated immunity	2.71	
D15	Auto-immune disease, anti-nuclear antibody	5.41	2
D16	Auto-immune disease, anti-nuclear antibody titre	5.41	1
D17	Auto-immune disease, thyroid ..	3.62	2
D19	Autoantibodies, other	5.41	
D20	Rheumatoid factor—Rose Waaler test	3.62	2
D21	C-reactive protein test90	1
D22	Antistreptococcal antibodies ..	3.62	3
D23	Paul-Bunnell (or equivalent) ..	5.41	1
D24	Syphilis—VDRL or other reagin test	1.80	1
D25	Syphilis—specific antibody test ..	1.80	1
D26	Syphilis—confirmatory specific antibody test	5.41	1
D31	Hydatids antibody	3.62	2
D32	Leptospira agglutination screen test	7.23	1
D33	Leptospira specific antibody test ..	3.62	8
D34	Brucella antibodies	3.62	3
D35	Toxoplasma antibodies, IgG, paired sera only	3.62	2

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D36	Toxoplasma antibodies, IgM titre ..	3.62	
D40	Rubella antibodies—immune status	5.02	1
D41	Rubella antibodies—titre, paired sera only	3.62	2
D42	Hepatitis B—(Anti HBs) antibody ..	10.90	1
D43	Hepatitis B—(HBsAg) surface antigen	3.62	1
D50	Salmonella agglutination tests ..	1.80	5
D60	CM virus, specific antibody titre, paired sera only	3.62	2
D70	Chlamydia direct antigen test ..	17.00	1
D71	Rotovirus direct antigen test ..	21.34	1
D72	Herpes virus direct antigen test ..	21.34	1
HAEMATOLOGY TESTS			
H01	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)	1.80	1
H02	Platelet count	3.29	1
H03	Bleeding time90	1
H04	Thrombin time	1.80	1
H05	Clot retraction90	1
H06	Plasma prothrombin ratio ..	5.41	1
H07	Partial thromboplastin clotting time	4.52	3
H08	Fibrinogen screening	1.80	1
H09	Fibrinogen (quantitative)	3.62	1
H10	Coagulation factors individual assays	3.62	
H15	Coagulation screen	17.91	1
H19	Red blood cell inclusion bodies ..	3.29	3
H20	Antihuman globulin test including Coombs test	1.80	2
H22	Lupus erythematosus cells (LE cells)	3.62	1
H31	Red blood cell fragility	5.49	3
H32	Red blood cell autohaemolysis ..	7.23	1
H33	Red cell or white cell enzyme ..	3.62	
H34	Donath-Landsteiner reaction ..	1.80	1
H40	Haemoglobin pigments—qualitative	1.80	
H41	Haemoglobin pigments—quantitative	3.62	
H50	Bone marrow aspirate—(per site, not per slide)	36.05	
H60	Blood grouping A.B.O. group ..	.90	1
H61	Blood grouping—Rhesus—group ..	.90	1
H62	Blood grouping—Rhesus—titre ..	3.62	1

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H63	Blood grouping—Rhesus—phenotyping	3.62	1
MICROBIOLOGY TESTS			
M01	Swab, skin/wound/pus	21.34	
M02	Swab, throat	14.78	1
M03	Swab, ear	21.34	2
M04	Swab, nasal	16.40	2
M05	Swab, peri-anal	22.99	1
M06	Swab, vaginal	22.99	1
M07	Swab, cervical	22.99	1
M08	Swab, urethral	22.99	1
M09	Swab, eye	18.06	2
M10	Swab, rectal for sexually transmitted diseases	22.99	1
M11	Enteric pathogens (faeces or rectal swab)	32.85	1
M15	Ova and cysts	3.29	1
M16	Aspirates, culture and sensitivities ..	22.99	
M17	Blood culture	26.27	3
M18	Sputum (excluding tuberculosis) ..	22.99	1
M19	Other, culture, sensitivities and identification	21.34	
M20	Mycology—skin	14.78	
M21	Film—examination for malaria, filaria, and/or gonococci	1.80	
M22	Film (concentrated) examination for filaria	3.62	
M25	Seminal fluid—fertility	6.55	1
M26	Seminal fluid—post vasectomy ..	4.93	1
M30	Tuberculosis—sputum	19.71	1
M31	Tuberculosis—gastric aspirate ..	19.71	1
M32	Tuberculosis—urine	19.71	1
M33	Tuberculosis—other sites ..	19.71	

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SCREENING TESTS			
S01	Complete blood count (CBC) ..	9.03	1
	(a) RBC		
	(b) WBC		
	(c) Hb		
	(d) MCV		
	(e) Leukocyte differential and/or blood film		
S02	First antenatal screening	21.36	1
	(a) S01 Complete blood count		
	(b) S04 Antenatal antibodies		
	(c) H60 Blood grouping, A.B.O. series		
	(d) H61 Blood grouping, Rhesus group		
	(e) D24 Syphilis—VDRL or other reagin test		
	(f) D40 Rubella antibodies, immune status		
	(g) D43 Hepatitis B (HBsAg) surface antigen		
S03	Antenatal subsequent screens ..	11.56	1
	(a) S01 Complete blood count		
	(b) S04 Antenatal antibodies		
S04	Antenatal antibodies, including Coombs test	4.34	1
S05	Neonatal screen	11.25	1
	(a) —Hb		
	(b) —PCV		
	(c) —Blood film		
	(d) H20 Antihuman globulin test (Coombs)		
	(e) BV1 Bilirubin total		
	(f) H60 Blood grouping, A.B.O. series		
	(g) H61 Blood grouping, Rhesus group		
S06	Urinalysis screen tests (“routine”) ..	15.61	1

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	(a) Glucose		
	(b) Protein		
	(c) Microscopy (if indicated)		
	(d) Bacterial culture and colony count		
	(e) Antimicrobial sensitivities (if indicated)		

PART II

GROUP TESTS

Code Reference: BE3, BE7, BV9, BZ7, H15, S02, S03.”

MARIE SHROFF,
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 make various amendments to the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981.

Regulation 2 amends the principal regulations to provide that they will apply to laboratory diagnostic services performed under the supervision rather than the direct supervision of a recognised pathologist. In addition the term "bacteriological assistant" is replaced by the term "laboratory assistant".

Regulation 3 amends that part of regulation 8 of the principal regulations relating to group tests. The amendment is consequential to the new format of the new Schedule.

Regulation 4 provides that the prescribed fees are inclusive of goods and services tax.

Regulation 5 makes 2 amendments to regulation 9 of the principal regulations.

The first amendment provides for claims to be made to the Head Office of the Department of Health instead of to the abolished district offices.

The second amendment inserts a new provision dealing with the maximum number of claims that may be made in respect of any particular test carried out on a patient on any one day. The maximum number in respect of each test is set out in the new Schedule.

Regulation 6 provides for a new Schedule to the principal regulations. The new Schedule is in a different format from the previous Schedule and the prescribed fees now include goods and services tax.

The fees specified under code references C10, C50, and D70 apply in respect of services provided on and after 1 May 1989.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.