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**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES)
REGULATIONS 1941, AMENDMENT NO. 7**

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 10th day of July 1957

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. S. G. HOLLAND 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.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941, Amendment No. 7, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the fourteenth day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Regulation 7A of the principal regulations, as inserted by regulation 3 of the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941, Amendment No. 2, is hereby amended by inserting in subclause (1), after paragraph (e), the following paragraph:

“(ee) The average cost of prescriptions issued by him during any period of three months has been unduly high in comparison with the average cost of prescriptions issued during the same period by other medical practitioners engaged in similar practice; or”.

*S.R. 1941/66 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 6, S.R. 1951/197)

3. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

“(2) Where a prescription or order is presented to a contractor by any other person, the contractor shall require the customer—

“(a) To state on the prescription or order the name and usual place of residence of the person to whom it relates (if those particulars do not already appear on the prescription or order); and

“(b) To sign the prescription or order; and

“(c) To add to his or her signature the date of the presentation of the prescription or order and also his usual place of residence.”

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The effect of the amendment made by regulation 2 of these regulations is that where the Minister of Health is satisfied that the average cost of prescriptions issued by a medical practitioner over any period of three months is unduly high in comparison with the average cost of prescriptions issued by other medical practitioners engaged in similar practice, the matter may be referred as a complaint, in accordance with regulation 7A of the principal regulations, to the appropriate Committee or to the Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Committee.

Regulation 3 of these regulations substitutes a new subclause for subclause (2) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations, dealing with the case where a prescription or order is presented to the contracting chemist or other contractor by someone other than the person named in it. Paragraph (c) contains a new provision requiring the person presenting the prescription or order to add his own address to his signature. In other respects the new subclause repeats the existing law.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.