

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
P.O. BOX 5013,  
WELLINGTON.

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## **CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 101**

### **TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

(Copy to Retail Pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

#### **GROUP PRACTICE LOAN SCHEME**

Loan finance may now be approved by the Minister of Health towards the establishment of group practices by general practitioners.

For purposes of this policy, group practice means that a number of general practitioners have their surgeries in the same building, share facilities and expenses, arrange 24-hour cover for their patients, and meet together regularly (and otherwise as necessary) to discuss clinical problems and patient care.

Two-doctor practices would qualify for assistance under this scheme only in localities which would be unable to support more than two doctors.

Loans will normally be up to two-thirds of the capital cost of a scheme, but this may be exceeded in special circumstances. In no case however, will the loan assistance exceed \$10,000 per doctor, or a maximum of \$50,000 if there are five or more doctors involved in a scheme.

The "capital cost" which is eligible for loan consideration includes lands, buildings, services, essential equipment, and furnishings. "Buildings" includes the erection of new premises, or the acquisition and conversion of an existing property.

The loan term will be up to 20 years and interest will currently be  $6\frac{1}{2}$  percent, reviewable 5-yearly. Loan repayments will be on a table basis, payable in quarterly instalments.

Capitalisation of interest may be arranged up to the first 3 years following approval of the loan.

A leaflet setting out full particulars may be obtained on application to this office, or through the local medical officer of health.

## MATERNITY BENEFITS

### *Entitlement of Recognised Specialists to Charge Patients*

It appears that some specialists who provide services in relation to maternity are not clear as to their right to charge patients a fee in addition to the maternity benefit. Previously, this right was limited to doctors who had been recognised as obstetric specialists, but under the provisions of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969, it applies to all specialists recognised as such for the purposes of section 97 (2) of the Social Security Act 1964, with effect from 1 October 1969.

### *Penalties on Late Maternity Claims*

A recent amendment to the Social Security (Maternity Benefits) Regulations provides for penalties where claims for maternity benefits are unduly late in being presented to the medical officer of health.

These provisions are:

- (a) A 10 percent penalty may be applied by the medical officer of health where claims are rendered later than 1 year after the date of birth.
- (b) Claims submitted later than 3 years after the date of birth will be regarded as lapsed. No maternity benefit will be payable unless the Minister of Health determines otherwise, after considering the reasons for delay in claiming.

These provisions apply in respect of claims where the date of birth occurred on or after 1 October 1969.

## SPECIAL FOODS AVAILABLE AS SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

Special foods used in the treatment of the conditions listed below may be obtained as a supplementary benefit under section 99 of the Social Security Act.

Phenylketonuria.  
Hypercalcaemia.  
Maple syrup urine.  
Galactosaemia.  
Lactose intolerance.

Homocystinuria.  
True milk allergy when recommended by a paediatric specialist.  
Chronic renal failure when recommended by a specialist physician.  
Fat malabsorption syndrome when recommended by a specialist.

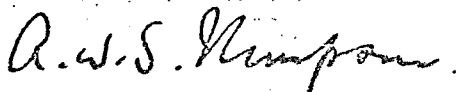
Application should be made to this Division by the medical practitioner, giving brief clinical details and a statement to the effect that the patient would experience financial hardship in meeting the cost involved. Supplies are issued through a hospital pharmacy.

Applications received in respect of conditions other than those listed above must be referred by this Department to the Social Security Commission, giving details of the quantity used per week and the cost involved.

## WELLINGTON HOSPITAL FORMULARY MIXTURES

The dose volume for stock mixtures in the Wellington Hospital Formulary has been changed from 20 ml to 10 ml. Would prescribers please ensure that their labelling instructions are clear, so that there can be no possibility of misinterpretation by the dispenser.

Yours faithfully,



(A. W. S. Thompson)  
Director,



(A. H. Paul)  
Deputy Director,

Division of Clinical Services.

### GENERAL PRACTICE VACANCY

There is an urgent vacancy in Pahiatua. This two-doctor area (local population 2,590, estimated practice population 3,290) is without a doctor at present.

*Inquiries:* Mr John Browne,  
Town Clerk,  
Pahiatua Borough Council,  
Pahiatua.

### DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM HOSPITAL PHARMACIES WITHOUT FURTHER RESTRICTION AS AT 1 AUGUST 1970

Official Name			Trade Names
Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate	.....	.....	Atasorb-N
Calcium glucono-galacto-gluconate	.....	.....	Calcium Sandoz Effervescent
Calcium lactate-gluconate	.....	.....	Calcium Sandoz Forte Effervescent
Cloxacillin sodium	.....	.....	Orbenin
Desferrioxamine B mesylate	.....	.....	Desferal
Diloxanide furoate	.....	.....	Furamide
Framycetin sulphate	.....	.....	Framygen, Soframycin
Framycetin sulphate with kaolin	.....	.....	Enterfram

Official Name	Trade Names
Gentamicin sulphate injection	Cidomycin, Garamycin
Kanamycin sulphate	Kanasig, Kantrex
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin	Kaomycin
Methallenoestril	Vallestril
Methicillin sodium	Celbenin
Neomycin for oral use	Mycifradin, Neomin
Novobiocin	Albamycin, Cathomycin
Paromomycin sulphate	Humatin
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Penicillamine
Thiambutosine	Ciba 1906
Trimethoprim with sulphamethoxazole	Bactrim, Septrin

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM  
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A  
SPECIALIST AS AT 1 AUGUST 1970**

Official Name	Trade Names
Alprenolol hydrochloride	Aptin
Aminocaproic acid	Amicar
Aprotinin	Trasylol
Azathioprine	Imuran
b-Naphthyl-di (2-chloropropyl)-amine with urethane	R 151 with Urethane
Beclamide	Nydrane
Benzylpenicillin sodium salt, purified	Purapen
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets and as injections not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Betnesol, Celestone
Busulphan	Myleran
Butaperazine	Randolectil
Carbenicillin	Pyopen
Carbenoxolone sodium	Biogastrone
Cephaloridine	Ceporan
Cephalothin sodium	Keflin
Chlorambucil	Leukeran
Chlormethiazole and its esters	Hemineurin
Chlorotrianisene	TACE
Chymotrypsin injection	Chymar, Chymo-Trypure Novo, Zonulysin
Clofibrate	Atromid S
Clomiphene citrate (O. and G. specialist)	Clomid
Colistin and its salts and esters	Colymycin
Corticotrophin	Acthar
Corticotrophin, long acting	Cortico-Gel, Cortrophin ZN., H.P. Acthar Gel

Official Name	Trade Names
Cortisone acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Cortelan, Cortidren, Cortisyl
Cyclophosphamide	Endoxan-Asta
Cycloserine	D-Cycloserine
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Decadron, Dexacortisyl
Doxycycline hydrochloride	Vibramycin
Drostanolone propionate	Masteril
Dydrogesterone	Duphaston
Ethambutol	Myambutol
Ethionamide	Trescatyl
Ethionamide and isoniazid	Trescazide
Ethylestrenol	Orabolin
Fludrocortisone and its esters	Florinef
Fluorouracil sodium	Fluoro-Uracil
Fluoxymesterone	Halotestin, Ultandren
Fluphenazine enanthate	Anatensol
Folinic acid	Leucovorin
Fusidic acid and its salts and esters	Fucidin
Glibenclamide	Daonil, Euglucon
Hydrocortisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Hydrocortisyl
Isoniazid	Pycazide
Isoniazid with aminosalicylic acid and its salts	Inapasade, Pasinah, Pasinah D, Pasinah 302, Pycamisan, Pycamisan B.D., Pycasix
Lincomycin hydrochloride	Lincozin
Lithium carbonate	Camcolit
Mannonustine hydrochloride	Degranol
Medroxyprogesterone acetate tablets exceeding 5 mg strength	Provera
Mefenamic acid capsules	Ponstan
Melphalan	Alkeran
Mercaptopurine	Puri-Nethol
Mestanolone	Androstalone
Methandienone	Dianabol
Methotrexate	Amethopterin
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Medrol
Methysergide dimaleate	Deseril
Metyrapone	Metopirone
Mitomycins	
Mustine, its salts and derivatives	Trillekamin
Nandrolone decanoate	Deca-Durabolin

Official Name	Trade Names
Mandrolone phenylpropionate	Durabolin
Nialamide	Niamid
Nitrogen mustard N-oxide	Nitromin
Norethandrolone	Nilevar
Oxprenolol hydrochloride	Trasicor
Oxymesterone	Oranabol
Oxymetholone	Adroyd, Anapolon-50
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General of Health	Combizym, Cotazym, Cotazym B
Para-aminosalicylic acid and its salts and derivatives	
4-oxopropiophenone	Frenantol
4-phenyl-para-aminosalicylate	Tebanyl
Polyestradiol phosphate	Estradurin
Potassium para-aminobenzoate	Potaba
Prednisolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	
Prednisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	
Procarbazine hydrochloride	Natulan
Propranolol hydrochloride	Inderal
Prothionamide	Trevintix
Quinestradol	Pentovis
Quinidine bisulphate long acting tablets	Kinidin Durules
Rifampicin for the treatment of tuberculosis	Rifadin, Rimactane
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid cachets, B.N.F.	
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid granules, B.N.F.	
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	Resonium-A
Spironolactone	Aldactone-A
Stanolone	Anabolex
Stilboestrol diphosphate	Honvan
Treptonicozid	
Tetracosactrin	Synacthen
Tetracosactrin long acting	Synacthen Depot
Thiocarlide	Isoxyl
Thiopropazine mesylate	Majeptil
Thiotepa	
Tranlycypromine sulphate	Parnate
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters not included else- where in the Drug Tariff	Kenacort, Ledercort
Triaziquone	Trenimon
Trifluoperidol hydrochloride (psychiatric specialist)	Triperidol
Trimustine	
Vinblastine sulphate	Velbe
Vincristine sulphate	Oncovin
Viomycin and its salts	Vionactane