

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

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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 114

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Doctor,

PAYMENT FOR HALOTHANE AND METHOXYFLURANE

From 1 May 1972 payment may be claimed by medical practitioners for halothane and methoxyflurane used in the administration of anaesthetics which are the subject of General Medical Services benefits. This will apply to supplies purchased on and after that date.

Medical practitioners will be reimbursed with the cost of supplies purchased from wholesale outlets on the submission of wholesalers' *invoices* to the local Medical Officer of Health. These should be suitably endorsed or submitted with a covering letter to indicate that the supplies have been received, and that they will be used in the administration of anaesthetics which are the subject of General Medical Services benefits.

The handling of claims will be facilitated if invoices are submitted, where possible, along with claims for General Medical Services. Refund practitioners should address claims, "Attention, Benefits Section".

You will appreciate that payment for these anaesthetic agents is a patient benefit, and doctors are therefore asked to ensure that the cost is no longer included in the charge to the patient.

Payment of \$0.60 per anaesthetic will continue to be made when nitrous oxide and/or oxygen is used.

Yours faithfully,



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Director,



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Deputy Director,

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SUPERANNUATION FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Two publications are issued by the Superannuation Division, The Treasury, which newly qualified and younger members of the profession, in particular, will find helpful:

No. P. 28—Gives a brief outline of schemes available to doctors working as full-time or part-time employees, or self-employed.

No. P. 29—A more detailed 20-page booklet.

These publications are available from National Provident Fund Offices (see telephone directory, Yellow Pages: Superannuation and Pension Schemes) or from the Superintendent, National Provident Fund, P.O. Box 5022, Wellington. (Hospital staff may obtain copies from Hospital Board offices.)