

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

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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER No. 120
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Doctor,

**SUPPLIES OF CONTRACEPTIVES ON MEDICAL
GROUNDS**

In accordance with one of the recommendations (No. 97) of the Royal Commission on Social Security, the Minister of Health has approved the supply free of charge of contraceptive drugs, appliances, or materials if the prevention of pregnancy is necessary on medical grounds, and the patient could not reasonably be expected to meet the cost.

In cases in which the above-mentioned conditions apply, the patient's medical practitioner may make an application on her behalf to the Director of the Division of Clinical Services.

Each application will be considered on its merits, and doctors are asked not to submit cases which cannot be adequately supported. Applications should be short and to the point, but in addition to supplying details of the proposed method of contraception, the following must be included:

- (a) *Brief* clinical particulars.
- (b) Reasons why the prevention of pregnancy is considered to be necessary on medical grounds.
- (c) A statement that in the doctor's opinion it would be unreasonable to expect the patient to bear the cost.

Yours faithfully,



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Director,



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