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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 63

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy for information to chemists)

Dear Doctor,

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Health benefits are available under the social security scheme to persons who are ordinarily resident in New Zealand, visitors from Great Britain and Northern Ireland (with the exception of seamen), and anyone else who comes to New Zealand with the intention of remaining for at least two years.

A child under 16 years of age is deemed to be a member of the family of whoever is responsible, for the time being, for his care and control. A New Zealand resident would therefore be entitled to health benefits for any child from overseas who is under his guardianship in New Zealand.

Doctors attending a patient not entitled to health benefits should obtain payment for the full fee from the patient. If they practise under the refund system the receipt should be marked in some way to show that it does not entitle the patient to a social security refund. Such patients should also be charged for any preparations obtained on prescription.

SUPPLY OF NARCOTICS ON MEDICAL PRACTITIONER'S SUPPLY ORDER

A new form, copies of which are enclosed, has been designed for use when ordering a narcotic under the medical practitioner's supply order system. Medical practitioners are asked to cooperate by using this form when ordering narcotics ("dangerous drugs") and to confine its use to narcotics. The requirements that a separate form be used for narcotics and that the order be made in triplicate will be written into the Drug Tariff when it is next amended.

PROPOSED DELETIONS FROM THE DRUG TARIFF

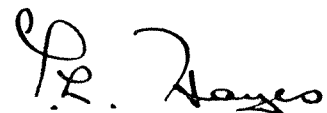
The following titles have not been retained in the British National Formulary 1966, so they will probably be omitted from the Drug Tariff from 1 December 1966.

Belladonna and alkali mixture	Mercury oxycyanide eye lotion
Calcium chloride syrup	Oxytetracycline and procaine injection
Dapsone injection	Phenol lotion
Lead and zinc oxide paste	Proflavine cream and solution
Lead compound lotion	Sodium chloride lotion
Magnesium sulphate enema	Yellow mercuric oxide paste
Menthol and eucalyptus ointment	Zinc and camphor ointment

Yours faithfully,



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