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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 81

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy to chemists)

Dear Doctor,

**DRUG TARIFF 1967, AMENDMENT NO. 3:
EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 1968**

Additions

Most additions with their proprietary names are listed on the last page of the amendment.

Alterations

(a) To be available from chemists:

Aloxiprin (Palaprin Forte)

Isoprenaline hydrochloride long acting tablets (Saventrine)

Mefenamic acid (Ponstan)

Orciprenaline (Alupent)

(b) Nalidixic acid (Negram) will be available from hospital boards without further restriction.

(c) The subclause disallowing payment for topical penicillin preparations was inadvertently omitted when the Drug Tariff was reprinted in 1967.

PART CHARGES

The following will be subject to a part charge to the patient from 1 August 1968:
Bicillin, Sequens, Serial 28, Volidan 21.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

When referring patients for consultation or for X-rays, laboratory tests, physiotherapy treatment, etc., please make a note on the referral slip if the patients are not eligible for health benefits.

P.T.O.

If this is not done, anomalous situations can arise in relation to charges and benefit claims.

The following are not eligible for health benefits:

- (a) Persons not ordinarily resident in New Zealand, except for persons ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, and New Zealand citizens on a temporary visit to this country.

(To qualify as "ordinarily resident" in New Zealand, a newcomer must have lived here for 2 years, or have come here with the intention of remaining for at least that long.)

- (b) Persons who have recovered or are entitled to recover:

- (i) Compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, or
- (ii) Special damages.

- (c) Members of diplomatic missions (except the United Kingdom High Commission).

- (d) Persons for whom the sole or primary purpose of attendance is the completion of a medical certificate, e.g., for life insurance, international vaccination, etc., (except for certificates required for a sickness or other benefit administered by the Social Security Department).

- (e) Colombo Plan students.

In cases of doubtful eligibility, please make an inquiry of the District Health Office.

PART CHARGES DUE TO DEVALUATION

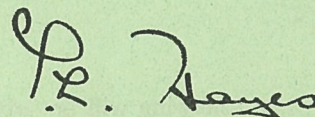
As a result of devaluation, the prices of different brands of drugs are liable to vary in an irregular fashion, especially as the amount of the devaluation increase depends upon the country of origin. Since payment by the Department is based upon the lowest priced reputable brand available, part charges are at present payable on certain brands. Most of these charges will be temporary only, as the majority of prices will soon have increased with the replacement of pre-devaluation stocks.

In the meantime, the simplest way to avoid part charges is to prescribe by official name.

Yours faithfully,



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