

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

15 July 1970.

CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 99

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy for Retail Pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

DRUG TARIFF 1970, AMENDMENT NO. 1: EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 1970

Additions and Deletion

These are listed at the end of the Amendment.

Some minor amendments have been made, to correct errors in the Drug Tariff as previously reprinted.

Payment will also be made for ethynodiol diacetate with ethinyloestradiol tablets when the prescription is endorsed "approved condition".

Alterations

(a) To be available from *hospital pharmacies* without further restriction:

Cloxacillin sodium (Orbenin).

Methicillin sodium (Celbenin).

Trimethoprim with sulphamethoxazole (Bactrim, Septrin).

(b) To be available from *retail pharmacies* without further restriction:

Dichlorphenamide (Daranide).

Cyclopentolate hydrochloride eye drops, not exceeding 1 percent strength (Mydrilate).

(c) Triacetyloleandomycin is now listed as troleandomycin.

CHILDPROOF CONTAINERS

From 1 August additional payment will be made by the Department if Curly Lock bottle tops or Palm-N-Turn vials are used when prescriptions are dispensed.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS SUPPLY ORDERS

Please note that doctors are still required to sign medical practitioners supply orders acknowledging receipt of supplies.

ENDORSEMENT OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR EXTENDED SUPPLIES

Some doctors are omitting to endorse prescriptions with the words "extended supply" and the period for which the supply is required.

REAPPORTIONMENT OF REMUNERATION TO RETAIL PHARMACISTS

On 1 April the method of payment by the Department for prescriptions dispensed by retail pharmacists was altered so that an oncost of 20 percent is paid on drugs and containers. An increased service fee is paid according to the class of dispensing involved. This reapportionment has been calculated so that the overall payment remains the same as if the previous system were still in use.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SPECIALISTS

(See Clinical Services Letter No. 93, dated 12 December 1969)

NO. 2 SUPPLEMENTARY LIST, AS AT 17 APRIL 1970

(This replaces No. 1 Supplementary List, dated January 1970)

I AMENDMENTS TO LIST IN CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER No. 93

- 49. Baird, James Bruce. *For "OPH" read "S/OTO".*
- 462. Hill, Margaret Ruth. *For "P" read "O".*
- 745 *For "Mountford" read "Mountfort".*
- 922. Short, Douglas Pavior. *For "M.AD" read "S".*
- 938. Smart, Graham Frederick. *For "M.AD" read "S".*

II ADDITIONS TO ALPHABETICAL LIST, TO 17 APRIL 1970

- 66A. Beehan, Patrick Jerome, S/PL.
- 71A. Begg, Richard Campbell, PH.
- 114A. Brosnan, James Deen, OPH.
- 147A. Campbell, David Graeme, P.
- 177A. Church, James Stuart, AN.
- 198A. Conyngham, Reginald Bruce, O/G.
- 198B. Cook, Herbert Bramwell, P.
- 234A. Davidson, David Hugh Coverdale, O/G.
- 259A. Dixon, Cyril William, PH.
- 281A. Dunscombe, John Lewis, PATH.
- 285A. Easthope, Ronald Newman, P.
- 432A. Harkness, Philip David, RAD.D.
- 472A. Holden, John Michael, PH.
- 472B. Holdgate, Keith Hoani, P.
- 483A. Howden, Charles Warrington, P.
- 514A. Jayne, John Basil, PSYC.
- 579A. Lewis, Ronald George Trounce, PSYC.
- 591A. Lo, Thomas, S/OTO.

614A. McCaffrey, Christian James, RAD.D.
642A. McGregor, Donald Wallace, OPH.
643A. Macgregor, Kenneth Penn Leslie, DER.
651A. Mackay, Norman Reay, P.
741. Morris, Rosie, PH.
796A. Partridge, Barry William Oliver, S.
828A. Prichard, Norman Jack, PSYC.
850A. Reynolds, Richard Mark Powis, OPH.
883A. Rutherford, Ian Marshall, S/OTO.
938A. Smedley, Michael Graham, O/G.
959A. Squire, Alexander Waddell, AN.
987A. Tait, Gilbert Barrie Wharton, P.

PART CHARGE

Unless a suitable price reduction is made by 1 October 1970, *Ferromyn Elixir* will be a part charge from 1 December 1970.

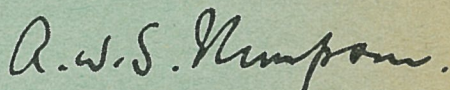
PRESCRIPTION COSTS

Various committees, and doctors in practice, have recommended that the Department keep doctors informed of the cost of drugs.

Tables of comparative costs of drugs are issued from time to time. In addition, doctors are advised individually of the cost of the more expensive prescriptions issued by them.

One doctor has suggested recently that from time to time doctors be sent copies of the prescriptions they have written over a period of 2 weeks, with the cost of each prescription. If you would like to have this information, could you please let me know, and say how often you think it might usefully be supplied to you.

Yours faithfully,



(A. W. S. Thompson)
Director, Division of Clinical Services.