



# Accident Insurance (Insurer's Liability to Pay Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations 2001

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

## Order in Council

At Wellington this 10th day of December 2001

Present:

The Right Hon Helen Clark presiding in Council

Pursuant to section 402 of the Accident Insurance Act 1998, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

- (1) These regulations are the Accident Insurance (Insurer's Liability to Pay Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations 2001.

- (2) In these regulations, the Accident Insurance (Insurer's Liability to Pay Cost of Treatment) Regulations 1999<sup>1</sup> are called "the principal regulations".

<sup>1</sup> SR 1999/104

## **2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

## **3 Nurses' costs**

Regulation 12 of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following subclauses:

- “(3) If the insured is given both a treatment and a more comprehensive treatment at the same visit, the insurer is liable to pay only the cost of the more comprehensive treatment.
- “(4) If the insured is given 2 or more separate treatments at the same visit, the insurer is liable to pay—
- “(a) the amount specified in the Schedule for the more or most expensive treatment the insured is given; and
  - “(b) 50% of the amount specified in the Schedule for each other treatment the insured is given.”

## **4 Schedule amended**

The Schedule of the principal regulations is amended by revoking items 171 to 177, and substituting the items set out in the Schedule.

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**Schedule  
Schedule of principal regulations amended**

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| 171 | Debride (including cleaning) wound (initial consultation only)    | 23.95  |
| 172 | Closure of wound up to 5 cm                                       | 17.20  |
| 173 | Closure of wound greater than 5 cm, but less than 10 cm           | 26.80  |
| 174 | Closure of wound 10 cm or more                                    | 36.35  |
| 175 | Set and plaster (including fibreglass)/splint fracture finger/toe | 19.15  |
| 176 | Set and plaster (including fibreglass)/splint fracture wrist/arm  | 114.75 |
| 177 | Set and plaster (including fibreglass)/splint fracture ankle/leg  | 162.55 |

Marie Shroff,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Accident Insurance (Insurer's Liability to Pay Cost of Treatment) Regulations 1999 ("the principal regulations").

The regulations clarify the descriptions for some items in the Schedule, relating to wound and fracture care. The amounts payable for each of the amended items has not changed.

The regulations also clarify that practice nurses under regulation 12 should also be subject to limitations on multiple procedures, as are registered medical practitioners under regulations 10(3) and (4).

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Labour.

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