Pitressin tannate in oil for injection.
Compound powder of silver picrate 1 per cent. (with Kaolin).
Suppositories of silver picrate 2 per cent.
Sulphanilamide, its salts, compounds, and derivatives of sulphanilamide, their salts, pursuant to any one medical prescription a supply sufficient for a period of seven days commencing on the date of presentation of the prescription and when prescribed for external or topical application whether as an ointment, lotion, enema, suppository, or other similar preparation, a supply not exceeding a total quantity of 240 grains of one or more of the sulphonamides (whether supplied in powdered form or with a suitable vehicle).
Thyroid tablets (fresh gland) allowed until 31st December, 1946, when official preparations only will be allowed at the cost of the Fund.
Water soluble analogues of vitamin K.

The following substances and preparations when supplied in the manner described hereunder:—

(1) Penicillin for parenteral use when supplied by a public Hospital Board and where the approval of a pathologist, if available, is obtained or, if not available, the approval of the Medical Superintendent of a public hospital:
(2) Diphtheria antitoxin and tetanus antitoxin manufactured by the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and supplied by a public Hospital Board or by the Department of Health.

STANDARDS FOR SUBSTANCES AND PREPARATIONS SUPPLIED AT THE COST OF THE FUND LAID DOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (*b*) OF CLAUSE 6 OF THE DRUG TARIFF

(*1*) *Aluminium Hydroxide Gel*

(*a*) *Alumina Content.*—Aluminium hydroxide gel shall contain the equivalent of not less than 3·6 per cent. and not more than 4·4 per cent. w/v of Al_2O_3, chiefly in the form of hydrous oxide of aluminium.

(*b*) *Acid-consuming Capacity.*—Each gram of aluminium hydroxide gel shall neutralize from 12·5 to 25 mils of N/10 hydrochloric acid using Bromophenol blue as an indicator.

(*c*) *Reaction.*—The pH of aluminium hydroxide gel shall be between 6·7 and 6·9.

(*d*) *Limit of Chloride.*—Contains not more than 0·25 per cent. as sodium chloride.

(*e*) *Limit of Sulphate.*—Contains not more than 0·05 per cent. as sulphate.

(*f*) *Aluminium Sulphate.*—Nil.

(*g*) *Acid Insoluble Matter.*—Contains not more than 0·005 per cent.

NOTE.—Sufficient flavouring and sweetening agents may be added. Sodium benzoate in any amount not exceeding 0·5 per cent. may be added as a preservative.

(*2*) *Dried Aluminium Hydroxide Gel*

(*a*) *Acid-consuming Capacity.*—Each gram of dried aluminium hydroxide gel shall neutralize not less than 250 mils of N/10 hydrochloric acid.

(*b*) *Ignition Test.*—The weight of Al_2O_3 contained in the residue ignited to constant weight shall be not less than 47·5 per cent. and not more than 52·5 per cent. of the weight of dried aluminium hydroxide gel taken for the assay.

(*3*) *Colloidal Calamine; Colloidal Kaolin; Colloidal Zinc Oxide*

The above substances shall comply with the respective tests for identity and purity described in the B.P. for calamine, heavy Kaolin, and zinc oxide, and, with respect to limits as to the size of particles, shall comply in each case with the limits described in the B.P. for light Kaolin.

TABLE OF AUTHORIZED MIDWIFERY PHARMACEUTICAL REQUIREMENTS ALLOWED UNDER CLAUSE 14 OF THE DRUG TARIFF (SEPTEMBER, 1946)

Column 1. Description of Material.	Column 2. Maximum Quantity for One Patient.
Cyllin	4 oz.
Dettol or Pynol	4 oz.
Dettol Cream	1 tube (not to be supplied with Dettol or Pynol)
Iodine, weak tincture of ..	2 oz.
Olive oil, or cotton-seed oil, or peanut-oil	3 oz.

PART 2.—PRICE RULES UNDER CLAUSE 7 OF THE DRUG TARIFF (SEPTEMBER, 1946)

Except as provided in the following rules, no payment shall be made from the Fund in respect of any proprietary preparation supplied by a contractor.

Subject to the discount provided for under clause 8 of the Drug Tariff (September, 1946) and, in the case of a medical practitioner, the discount provided under the Medical Benefit Regulations, the prices of pharmaceutical requirements supplied at the cost of the Fund shall be determined as follows:—

1. Price rules under subclause (1) of clause 7 of the Drug Tariff (September, 1946):—

(*a*) Penicillin: 10 per cent. additional on cost price.
(*b*) Sera: 5 per cent. additional on cost price.
(*c*) In respect of the forms of any pharmaceutical requirement, whether proprietary or not, included in the N.Z. Formulary under the Table of Materials allowed under paragraph (*b*) of clause 5 of the Drug Tariff (September, 1946), the Fund shall pay the amount that would have been payable from the Fund if the cheapest of the available forms of the substance or preparation had been prescribed (not exceeding in any case the appropriate amount specified in the First Schedule to the Rules for Prescription Pricing), and any excess of the price over the amount so payable from the Fund shall be payable to the contractor by the person to or for whom such preparation has been supplied. For the purposes of this proviso a preparation shall be deemed to be available if the contractor can obtain it from any wholesale dealer carrying on business in whichever of the cities of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, or Dunedin is nearest or most convenient of access to the contractor's place of business.

2. Price rules under subclause (2) of clause 7 of the Drug Tariff (September, 1946):—

(1) In respect of pharmaceutical requirements supplied by a contractor in accordance with the said regulations, the Fund shall pay the price and additional fees, if any, computed in accordance with the provisions of clauses 5, 8, 9, 13 to 16, 17 (3), 18 to 21, and 24 to 26 (all inclusive), and the First, Second, and Third Schedules of the Rules of Prescription Pricing issued by the Pharmacy Plan Industrial Committee and approved by the Minister.
(2) In respect of proprietary forms of any pharmaceutical requirement that is supplied in accordance with a medical prescription and provided that the proprietary preparation (whether a single substance or a combination of ingredients) supplied by a contractor is identical in composition with any drug, medicine, or medicinal preparation of which a monograph or formula is published in any official pharmaceutical publication or is listed in bold-faced type in the New Zealand Formulary, the Fund shall pay the following or whichever of the said amounts is the least:—

(i) The retail price of the proprietary preparation supplied by the contractor, together with the appropriate dispensing fee; or

(ii) The retail price of any other proprietary preparation that was available to the contractor and that he could properly have supplied in fulfilment of the prescription, together with the appropriate dispensing fee; or

(iii) The amount that would have been payable if the substance or the several ingredients of the preparation had been separately dispensed.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister of Health.

The Drug Tariff, September, 1946, Amendment No. 1

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the powers conferred on me under section 90 of the Social Security Act, 1938, the following direction, cited as "The Drug Tariff, September, 1946, Amendment No. 1," shall apply with respect to all medical prescriptions and midwifery orders (whatever the date thereof) that are presented to a contractor for fulfilment on or after the 1st November, 1946, and shall also apply to the amendment to prices set out in the Pricing Supplement No. 1946/2. Such prices and fees computed in accordance with The Drug Tariff, September, 1946, shall be reduced by a discount of 2½ per cent. thereof.

Nothing in the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Benefit Regulations or in the Drug Tariff, September, 1946, shall be construed to prohibit a contractor from charging a customer with the price of any goods, not being pharmaceutical requirements, that are supplied by him, or with the difference between the price of any such goods and the amount payable from the fund in respect thereof, or with the price of any pharmaceutical requirements that are supplied by him in excess of the maximum quantities hereinafter prescribed.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister of Health.

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The Drug Tariff, September, 1946, Amendment No. 2

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the powers conferred on me under section 90 of the Social Security Act, 1938, the following direction, cited as "The Drug Tariff, September, 1946, Amendment No. 2," shall apply with respect to all medical prescriptions and midwifery orders (whatever the date thereof) that are presented to a contractor for fulfilment on or after 16th January, 1947, and shall apply to the amendments to prices set out in the First Schedule of the "Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing" issued by the Pharmacy Plan Industrial Committee and endorsed "Effective from 16th January, 1947."

A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister of Health.

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