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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

No.132

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EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT, 1941: TARIFF OF FEES FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES

Under section 79 of the Employees' Compensation Act, 1941 (Act 30 of 1941) I hereby with effect from 1 July 1997 -

- (a) prescribe the Tariff of Fees for Occupational Services and the general rules and general modifiers applicable thereto, as set out in the Schedule; and
- (b) repeal Government Notice 1 of 1996.

The fees as set out in the Schedule are applicable in respect of payments authorized for services rendered on or after 1 July 1997.

ADV. G.S. HINDA
CHAIRPERSON OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY COMMISSION

Windhoek, 17 June 1997

SCHEDULE**TARIFF OF FEES IN RESPECT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES****GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE TARIFF**

- 001** Unless timely steps are taken to cancel an appointment for a consultation the relevant consultation fees shall be payable by the employee.
- 002** In exceptional cases where the tariff fee is disproportionately low in relation to the actual services rendered by a practitioner, a higher fee may be negotiated. Conversely, if the fee is disproportionately high in relation to the actual services rendered, a lower fee than that in the tariff should be charged.
- 003** The services of a physiotherapist shall be available only on referral by a medical or dental practitioner.
- 004** In the case of prolonged or costly treatments these should only be embarked upon after negotiations between the referring medical practitioner and the Compensation Commissioner.
- 005** After a series of 20 treatments for the same condition, the physiotherapist must refer the employee back to the medical practitioner and report to him the progress already made. If further physiotherapy treatment is required the medical practitioner must submit a progress report to the Compensation Commissioner indicating the necessity for further treatment and the number of further treatments required. Without such a report payment for treatments in excess of 20 shall not be considered.
- 006** "After hour treatments" shall mean those performed by arrangement at night between 18:00 and 07:00 on the following day or during weekends between 13:00 Saturdays and 07:00 on Monday. Public holidays are regarded as Sundays.

This rule shall apply for all treatments whether given in the practitioner's room, or at a nursing home or private residence only by arrangement when the patient's condition necessitates it.

The fee for all treatments under this rule shall be the total fee for the treatment plus 50 per cent. Modifier 0006 must then be quoted after the appropriate Tariff number to indicate that this rule is applicable.

In case where the physiotherapist's scheduled working hours extend after 18:00 during the week or 13:00 on a Saturday the above rule shall not apply and the treatment fee shall be that of the **normal listed tariff**.

- 007** The practitioner shall submit his account for treatment under the Act to the employer of the employee concerned.

- 008** The fee in respect of more than one procedure (save for Tariff item 72701) performed at the same consultation or visit, shall be the Tariff fee for the major procedure plus half the Tariff fee in respect of each additional procedure, but under no circumstances may fees be charged for more than three procedures carried out in the treatment of any one condition. Modifier 0008 must then be quoted after the appropriate Tariff numbers for the additional procedures to indicate that this rule is applicable.
- 009** When more than one condition requires treatment and each of these conditions necessitates in individual treatment time, they shall be charged as individual treatments. Full details of the nature of the treatments must be stated. Modifier 0009 must then be quoted after the appropriate Tariff numbers to indicate that this rule is applicable.
- 010** When the treatment times of two completely separate and different conditions overlap, the fee shall be the full Tariff fee for the one condition and 50 percent of the fee for the other condition. Modifier 0010 must then be quoted after the appropriate Tariff numbers to indicate that this rule is applicable.
- 011** Items 72305, 72501 and 72503 cannot be claimed simultaneously.

MODIFIERS GOVERNING THE TARIFF

- 0006** Add 50 per cent of the total fee for the treatment.
- 0008** Only 50 per cent of the fee for these additional procedures may be charged.
- 0009** The full Tariff for the additional treatments may be charged.
- 0010** Only 50 per cent of the fee for the second condition may be charged.
- 0011** Add N\$8,00 when nebulisation is used in respiratory pathology - only when own equipment is supplied.
- 0012** To read as follows:
- Add N\$13,00 when suctioning/lavage is performed in rooms.

PHYSIOTHERAPY TARIFF OF FEES

1. Radiation therapy/Moist heat therapy/Cryotherapy

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72001	Infra-red * Radiant heat * Wax Therapy * Hot Packs	17,00
72005	Ultraviolet light	25,00
72006	Laser beam	25,00
72007	Cryotherapy	17,00

2. Low frequency currents

72103	Galvanism, Diadynamic current tens	17,00
72105	Muscle and nerve stimulating currents	17,00
72107	Interferential Therapy	25,00

3. High frequency currents

72201	Short wave diathermy	25,00
22203	Ultrasound	25,00
72205	Microwave	25,00

4. Physical modalities

011	Items 72305, 72501 and 72503 cannot be claimed simultaneously	
72301	Percussion, Vibration	17,00
72303	Connective tissue massage . Massage . Triggerpoint therapy	25,00
72305	Re-education of movement/exercise	17,00
72307	Pre- and post-operative exercises/breathing exercises	17,00
72315	Postural drainage	22,00
72317	Traction	25,00
72318	Intermittent positive pressure ventilation	22,00
72319	Nebulisation	22,00

5. Manipulation/Mobilisation of joints or immobilisation

72401	Spinal	34,00
72405	All other joints	25,00
72407	Immobilisation (excluding materials)	17,00

6. Rehabilitation

72501	Rehabilitation and/or hydrotherapy where the patient requires the undivided attention of the physiotherapist	34,00
72503	Rehabilitation of Central Nervous System disorders-condition to be clearly stated and fully documented (for brain injuries quadraplegics and paraplegics only). (Not to be used together with 72305 and 72501)	76,00

7. Evaluation/Diagnostic

72701	Specific evaluation and counselling at the first visit only (to be fully documented)	17,00
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Please note: Item 72701 should not be used for examination of each so called "condition" at the first visit.

72703	One complete re-assessment of a patient's condition during a course of treatment, and/or counselling of the patient to be used with procedures 72501 or 72503 - refer to Rule 011	17,00
72801	Electrical test for diagnostic purpose (including IT curve and Isokinetic tests) for specific medical condition	34,00

8. Visiting Codes

72901	Treatment at a nursing home (once per day only): Relative fee plus	17,00
72903	Domiciliary treatments - Apply only when medically motivated: Relative fee plus	34,00

9. Composite fees

Note*

Composite fees may not be used with any other items in the treatment of the same condition except for 72701, 72703, 72801, 72901 and 72903. Only modifiers 0006, 0009, 0010 and 0012 may be used in conjunction with composite fees.

72921	Simple spinal treatment (a minimum of 3 modalities must be used)	59,00
72923	Peripheral joint-treatment (a minimum of 3 modalities must be used)	51,00
72925	Chest pathology (a minimum of 3 modalities must be used)	50,00
72927	Soft tissue injury (a minimum of 3 modalities must be used)	51,00