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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

No. 133

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EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT, 1941: TARIFF OF FEES FOR CHIROPRACTIC 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 Chiropractic Services and the general rules and general modifiers applicable thereto, as set out in the Schedule; and
- (b) repeal Government Notice 3 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 CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES****GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE TARIFF**

- 001** "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 Saturday and 07:00 on Monday. Public holidays are regarded as Sundays.

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

The fee for all treatments under this rule shall be the total fee for the treatment plus 50 per cent.

In cases where the chiropractor 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**.

002 Travelling fees

- (a) Where in cases of emergency, a chiropractor was called out from his residence or rooms to a employee's home or the hospital, travelling fees can be charged if he had to travel more than 16 kilometres in total.
- (b) If more than one employee would be attended to during the course of a trip, the full travelling expenses must be divided pro rata between the relevant employees.
- (c) A practitioner is not entitled to charge for any travelling expenses to his rooms.

When a chiropractor has to travel more than 16 kilometres in total to visit an employee, the fees shall be calculated as follows:

N\$ 1,00 per km for each kilometre in excess of 16 kilometres total travelled on **own car**. 19 km total = 3 x N\$ 1,00 = N\$ 3,00.

- 003** After a series of 20 treatments for the same condition, further treatment is required, the practitioner must submit a progress report to the 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.

- 004** The reports for completion by the practitioner:

(a) **The First Report (Wcl 4)**

This form is used for all injured employees of all races. The practitioner should note that the form is in the nature of a signed medical certificate and he should, therefore, observe due care in completing it, dating and signing it.

(b) **The Progress or Final Report (Wcl 5)**

This form is used either for progress report or for the final report, the appropriate descriptive title being retained as the case may be. Most of the items in the report are self-explanatory and require no special implication.

005 No more than four physical procedures and modalities will be reimbursed in one visit.

Multiple physical procedures and modalities shall be reimbursed as follows:

Major (highest valued procedure or modality) 100 % of listed value.

Second (secondary-highest or equivalent valued procedures modality) 50 % of listed value.

Third (third-highest or equivalent valued procedure or modality) 50 % of listed value.

Fourth (fourth-highest or equivalent valued procedure or modality) 50 % of listed value.

All treatment must be justified by the condition of the employee and the goals and objectives of the treatment plan.

006 Uncancelled appointments - Appointments not cancelled at least four hours before the relevant appointment time - relevant practitioner's fees shall be payable by the employee.

007 **Reports:**

Not applicable in respect of injured workmen covered under the Act.

008 **Change of chiropractor/medical practitioner (Supersession):**

In the event of a change of chiropractor/medical practitioner attending a case, the first chiropractor/medical practitioner in attendance will, except where the case is handed over to a specialist, be regarded as the principal, and payment will normally be made to him. To avoid disputes, chiropractors/medical practitioners should refrain from treating a case already under treatment without first discussing it with the first chiropractor/medical practitioner. As a general rule, changes of chiropractor/medical practitioner are not favoured, unless there are sufficient reasons for it.

TARIFF OF FEES**(Exclusive of VAT)****1. CONSULTATIONS**

DC01 *Initial consultation* - including the taking of a full case history, physical examination and the use of diagnostic equipment permitted by the relevant practitioner's scope of practice, but excluding remedies, immobilisation and manipulation procedures and X-rays..... **N\$ 65,00**

DC02 *Subsequent consultations* (after a minimum period of four months following the procedure/treatment). Excluding remedies, immobilisation and manipulation procedures and X-rays..... **64,00**

2. MANIPULATIVE PROCEDURES

DC03 Spinal manipulation and/or extra-spinal joint manipulation **59,00**

3. ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY**(a) SOFT TISSUE MANIPULATION**

DC04 Massage - includes effleurage, petrisage, crossfibre friction, lapolment and deep tissue techniques (rolfing) **38,00**

DC05 Myofascial pain therapy **38,00**

(b) DEEP HEATING RADIATION THERAPY

DC06 Short wave diathermy **22,00**

DC07 Microwave diathermy **22,00**

DC08 Ultra sound **22,00**

(c) SUPERFICIAL HEATING THERAPY

DC09 Hydrocollator packs **22,00**

DC10 Infra-red **22,00**

DC11 Ultra-violet **22,00**

DC12 Paraffin bath/Wax unit **22,00**

DC13 Whirlpool/Hubbard tank immersion **22,00**

DC14 Fluidotherapy **22,00**

DC15 Sitz bath **22,00**

(d) NON HEATING MODALITIES

DC16	Galvanism, faradism and sine wave.....	22,00
DC17	Low voltage galvanic Iontoporesis	22,00
DC18	Combined ultra sound and electrical stimulation	22,00
DC19	Interferential current.....	22,00
DC20	Vacotron	22,00
DC21	Combined interferential and vacatron.....	22,00
DC22	Vibration therapy.....	22,00
DC23	High voltage pulsed direct current (including under-water application.....	22,00
DC24	Electro-Stim. 180	22,00
DC25	T.E.N.S.	22,00
DC26	Micro current modalities.....	22,00
DC27	Traction - Mechanical/static/intermittent.....	38,00
DC28	Laser therapy	22,00

(e) COLD APPLICATION

DC29	Cryomatic	22,00
DC30	Cold packs.....	22,00

(f) ACUPUNCTURE

Not applicable in respect of cases under this Act.

(g) EXERCISES AND REHABILITATION

DC32	Therapeutic exercises.....	38,00
DC33	Proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation.....	38,00
DC34	Gait training.....	38,00
DC35	Prosthetic and orthotic training.....	38,00

(h) IMMOBILISATION - *cost + 50 %*

DC36	Hard and soft immobilisation/casting.	
DC37	Supportive strapping,bracing, splinting and taping.	
DC38	Supportive devices.	
DC41	Remedies prescribed - e.g. vitamins	No charge.
DC42	Remedies prescribed and supplies	Cost + 35 %
DC43	Injectable	Cost + 10 %

(k) RADIOLOGY

DC49	Ankle - AP/LAT	55,00
DC50	Ankle - Complete study-3 views.....	82,00
DC51	Cervical - AP/LAT	55,00

DC52	Cervical - AP/LAT/OBL	82,00
DC53	Cervical study - 6 views	165,00
DC54	Cervical - Davis Series - 7 views	193,00
DC55	Elbow - AP/LAT	55,00
DC56	Elbow - 3 views	82,00
DC57	Foot - AP/LAT	55,00
DC58	Foot - 3 views	82,00
DC59	Femur - AP/LAT	110,00
DC60	Hand - AP/LAT	55,00
DC61	Hand - 3 views	82,00
DC62	Hip unilateral - 1 view	38,00
DC63	Hip - 2 views	77,00
DC64	Knee - AP/LAT	55,00
DC65	Knee - 3 views	82,00
DC66	Lumbo-Sacral - 3 views	132,00
DC67	Lumbar spine and pelvis - 5 views	198,00
DC68	Pelvis AP	55,00
DC69	Pelvis - 3 views	121,00
DC70	Ribs - Unilateral - 2 views	66,00
DC71	Ribs - Bilateral - 3 views	99,00
DC72	Radia/Ulna	55,00
DC73	Spine - Dull spine study - AP/LAT	198,00
DC74	Spine - 8 x 10 - Single study	27,00
DC75	Spine - 10 x 12 - Single study	33,00
DC76	Spine - 14 x 17 - Single study	55,00
DC77	Shoulder - 1 view	33,00
DC78	Shoulder - 2 views	66,00
DC79	Thoraco-Lumbar - AP/LAT	110,00
DC80	Thoracic - AP/LAT	110,00
DC81	Tibia/Fibula - AP/LAT	110,00
DC82	Wrist - AP/LAT	55,00
DC83	Wrist - 3 views	82,00
