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Government Notice

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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TARIFF OF FEES WHICH REGISTERED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS MAY CHARGE IN RESPECT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

It is hereby made known that -

- (a) the Physiotherapy Board has, after consultation with the Council for Health and Social Services Professions and with the approval of the Minister of Health and Social Services, under section 39 of the Allied Health Services Professions Act, 1993 (Act 20 of 1993), determined the tariff of fees set out in the Schedule which may be charged by any registered physiotherapist in respect of professional services rendered by him or her in the practise of his or her profession under the said Allied Health Services Professions Act, 1993; and

- (b) the said fees shall come into operation on 16 March 1998; and
- (c) Government Notice 41 of 1997 dated 1 March 1997 is hereby repealed.

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SECRETARY: PHYSIOTHERAPY BOARD

Definitions

1. In this notice, unless the context otherwise indicates, an expression defined in the Allied Health Services Professions Act, 1993 (Act 20 of 1993), has a corresponding meaning, and -

"procedure" means the technique, equipment or apparatus used in order to treat a condition;

"unit" consists of -

- (a) the cost of apparatus and the skill and knowledge used to perform any technique or apply the apparatus; and
- (b) the responsibility and risk involved and the appropriate time spent on any procedure.

Monetary value for unit

2. The monetary value for one unit shall be N\$0,45.

General codes governing the fees

3. The general codes mentioned below shall be applicable and shown on the relevant account in the cases mentioned below:

- (a) 001: (i) Unless timely steps are taken to cancel an appointment the relevant fee may be charged.
(ii) Each case shall be considered on merit and if the circumstances warrant, no fee shall be charged.
- (b) 002: In exceptional cases where the fee is disproportionately low in relation to the actual service rendered by the physiotherapist, the physiotherapist may motivate a higher fee and charge such fee as agreed upon with the patient.
- (c) 003: (i) Where a physiotherapist uses equipment which is not owned by him or her a reduction of 15% of the relevant fee shall be applicable.
(ii) Modifier 0003 shall be quoted when this general code is applied.

- (d) 004: In the case of prolonged or costly treatment, the physiotherapist shall inform the patient of the financial implications in advance.
- (e) 006: (i) This general code shall apply -
- (aa) in the case of after hours treatment, namely treatment performed between 18h00 and 07h00, or during weekends between 13h00 on Saturdays and 07h00 on Mondays;
 - (bb) for all treatments, whether given in the rooms of the physiotherapist, at a hospital or private residence, where, the condition of the patient necessitates it and, the patient or next of kin has entered into a prior arrangement.
- (ii) Public holidays shall be regarded as Sundays.
- (iii) The fee for all visits under this general code shall be the total fee plus 50%.
- (iv) Modifier 0006 shall be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to indicate that this general code is applicable.
- (v) This general code shall not apply where the scheduled working hours of the physiotherapist has started before and is extended after 18h00 during the week or 13h00 on Saturday, but the fee payable shall be the normal listed fee.
- (f) 008: (i) The fee in respect of more than one procedure (except codes 72701, 72702, 72703, 72704, 72705, 72801, 72901 and 72903) performed at the same consultation or visit shall be the fee for the major procedure plus half the fee in respect of each additional procedure, but fees shall not be charged for more than three procedures carried out in the treatment of one condition.
- (ii) Modifier 0008 shall be quoted after the appropriate code number for the additional procedures to indicate that this rule is applicable.
- (g) 009: (i) Where more than one condition requires treatment and each of these conditions necessitates an individual treatment, every condition shall be charged as an individual treatment.
- (ii) Full details of the nature of the treatments shall be stated.
- (iii) Modifier 0009 shall be quoted after the appropriate code number to indicate that this general code is applicable.

- (h) 010: (i) When the treatment of two different conditions overlap, the fee shall be the full fee for one condition and 50% of the fee for the second condition.
- (ii) Modifier 0010 shall be quoted after the appropriate code number to indicate that this general code is applicable.
- (i) 012: Monetary values shall be rounded off to the nearest ten cents, on the basis that monetary values ending with 1 to 4 cents be rounded off downwards and 5 to 9 cents be rounded off upwards.

Modifiers

4. The modifiers mentioned below shall be applicable and shown on an account concerned in the cases mentioned below:

- (a) 0001: To be quoted after the appropriate procedure codes when general code 001 is implemented.
- (b) 0003: 15% of the relevant fee shall be deducted where the equipment used is not owned by the physiotherapist.
- (c) 0006: 50% of the total fee for the treatment shall be added.
- (d) 0008: Only 50% of the fee for the additional procedure may be charged.
- (e) 0009: The full fee for the second condition may be charged.
- (f) 0010: Only 50% of the fee for the second condition may be charged.

Fees for procedures

5. The fees for the respective procedures mentioned in the second column below shall in each case be the amount mentioned in the fourth column below.

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
	Radiation therapy, moist heat and cryo- therapy:		
72001	Infra-red, radiant heat, wax therapy or hot packs	100	50,50
72005	Ultraviolet light	150	75,50
72006	Laser beam	150	75,50
72007	Cryotherapy	100	50,50

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
	Low frequency currents:		
72103	Galvanism, diodynamic current and tens	100	50,50
72105	Muscle and nerve stimulating currents	100	50,50
72107	Interferential therapy	150	75,50
	High frequency currents:		
72201	Shortwave diathermy	150	75,50
72203	Ultrasound	150	75,50
72205	Microwave	150	75,50
	Physical modalities:		
72301	Percussion, vibration	100	50,50
72303	Connective tissue massage, massage, trigger point therapy	150	75,50
72304	Acupuncture	200	100,50
72305	Re-education of movement, exercise (excluding pre- or post-natal exercise)	100	50,50
72307	Pre- and post-operative exercises or breathing exercises	100	50,50
72308	Group exercises - maximum of 10 in a group	50	25,00
72309	Isokinetic treatment	200	100,50

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
72313	Ante and post-natal exercises or counselling	100	50,50
72315	Postural drainage	130	65,50
72317	Traction	150	75,50
72319	Nebulisation	150	75,50
72321	Intermittent positive pressure ventilation	130	65,50
72323	Suction level 1 (sputum specimen)	100	50,50
72325	Suction level 2 in combination with lavage	150	75,50
72327	Bagging	100	50,50
	Manipulation or mobilisation of joints or immobilisation:		
72401	Spinal	200	100,50
72405	All other joints	150	75,50
72407	Immobilisation (excluding materials)	100	50,50
	Rehabilitation:		
72501	Rehabilitation, where the pathology requires the undivided attention of the physiotherapist	200	100,50
72502	Hydrotherapy, where the pathology requires the undivided attention of the physiotherapist	200	100,50

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
72503	Rehabilitation for central nervous system disorders conditions to be clearly stated and fully documented (No other treatment modality may be charged in conjunction with this)	450	226,50
72505	Group rehabilitation (Treatment of a patient with disabling pathology in an appropriate facility requiring specific equipment and supervision, without individual attention for the whole treatment session. (No charge may be levied by the facility.)	350	176,50
72507	Respiratory re-education and training	200	100,50
	Evaluation:		
72701	Specific evaluation or counselling at the first visit (to be fully documented)	200	100,50
72703	One complete reassessment during the course of treatment, or counselling of the patient or his family	100	50,50
72705	Computerised or electronic test for lung pathology	150	75,50

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
72801	Electrical testing for diagnostic purposes (including IT curve and Isokinetic tests) for a specific medical condition	350	176,50
72803	Effort test - multi-stag treadmill	350	176,50
72704	Lung function: peak flow (once per treatment)	100	50,50
	Visiting codes:		
72901	Treatment at a nursing home or hospital: Relevant fee plus (To be charged only once per day and not with every visit)	100	50,50
72903	Domiciliary treatments: Relevant fee plus	200	100,50

Composite fees:

Note:

(a) Composite fees may not be used with any other item in the treatment of the same condition except for evaluation and visiting codes 72701, 72702, 72703, 72704, 72705, 72801, 72803 and 72407.

(b) Modifier 0008 may be used in conjunction with the composite fees.

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
72921	Simple spinal treatment (a minimum of 3 modalities totalling 350 units shall be used)	350	176,50
72923	Peripheral joint treatment (a minimum of 3 modalities totalling 300 units shall be used)	300	151,00
72924	Level I chest pathology (a minimum of 3 modalities totalling 250 units shall be used)	250	126,00
72926	Level 3 chest pathology (complex lung condition requiring the undivided attention of the physiotherapist using modalities totalling no less than 350 units)	350	176,50
72927	Soft tissue injury treatment (a minimum of 3 modalities totalling 300 units shall be used)	300	151,00
72929	Meridian therapy (a minimum of 3 modalities totalling 300 units shall be used)	350	176,50
	Equipment and materials:		
72937	Hiring of equipment: 1% of the current replacement value of the equipment per day. (Description of equipment to be supplied.)		

Code number	Procedure	Unit	Monetary value (N\$)
72939	Cost of materials: Single items below N\$1 140-00 may be charged for at cost plus not more than 20% for storage and handling.		

Equipment and materials

6. The cost of the equipment and materials set out in the third column below opposite the codes and procedures, respectively, and used in any treatment may be charged, subject to the following conditions -

- (a) any equipment or material charged for shall be part of the treatment;
- (b) equipment and material used shall become the property of the patient;
- (c) quantities charged for shall be measurable, and it is therefore advisable to use sizes easily measurable;
- (d) any equipment or material (like re-usable masks and nebulising tubes) sterilized and re-used for different patients may not be charged for:

Code Number	Procedure	Material
72001	Infra red, wax therapy, red heat or hot packs	(a) Wax per ml used for patient (b) Plastic wrap per metre
72005	Ultra violet light	No material used
72006	Laser beam	One alcohol swab
72007	Cryotherapy	No material used
72301	Galvanism, diodynamic current, tens	(a) Saline, per ml (b) Amount of disposable electrodes (c) One alcohol swab (d) KY gel per ml or sachet
72105	Muscle and nerve stimulating currents	(a) Saline per ml (b) Amount of disposable electrodes (c) One alcohol swab
72107	Interferential therapy	Amount of disposable electrodes

Code Number	Procedure	Material
72201	Shortwave therapy	No material used
72203	Ultrasound	Ultrasound gel per ml or sachet
72205	Microwave therapy	No material used
72301	Percussion, vibration	(a) Disposable mask for therapist (b) Disposable sputum cup
72303	Connective tissue massage, massage, trigger point therapy	Lubrication medium (talc, oil, cream or ointment) per mg or ml used
72304	Acupuncture	(a) Amount of disposable needles (b) Swabs (c) Skin cleaning solution per ml, swab
72305	Exercise and rehabilitation	Any equipment or material given to a patient to perform a home programme which then becomes the property of the patient, like autopully, cliniband per metre, theraputty per mg, pezziballs, crutches, walkers
72501		
72502		
72308		
72505		
72507		
72315	Postural drainage	No material used
72317	Traction	Disposable halter
72319	Nebulisation	(a) Saline per ml (b) Disposable mask (c) Tubes per metre
Note:	No charge may be made for medication as physiotherapists are currently not allowed to dispense or stock medication	
72321	Intermittent positive pressure ventilation	(a) Saline per ml (b) Disposable mouthpiece (c) Tubes per metre
72323	Suction level 1, sputum specimen	(a) Suction catheter (b) Sputum collection and (e.g. Luki-tube)

Code Number	Procedure	Material
		(c) KY gel per ml or sachet (d) One pair sterile gloves (e) Sterile gauze swabs x quantity (f) Disposable mask
72325	Suction level 2 with lavage	(a) One pair sterile gloves (b) One suction catheter (c) Lubrication gel per ml or sachet (d) Sterile gauze swabs x quantity (e) Saline per ml (f) Syringe and needle (g) Disposable mask
72327	Bagging	No materials used
72401	Spinal & peripheral joint	No materials used
72405	Mobilisation	
72407	Immobilisation	(a) Splints and braces, like ankle aircast, soft neck collars (b) Bandages and tape per roll (c) Elastoplast per roll (d) Cottonwool per roll
72701	Evaluations	(a) Disposable mouth pieces for peakflow meter, lung function test (b) Educational material (must be of good professional quality)
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72901	Visiting codes	No materials used
72603		
72921	Composite fees	As per individual codes
72923		
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72927		