

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT HEALTH INSURANCE (MEDICAL BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT No. 58) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200

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REPORT

The purpose of these Regulations is to increase the amount that can be claimed by recipients of Health Insurance Exception (HIE) on the occasion of medical services provided by a general practitioner approved under the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967, with effect from 1st January 2004.

It is proposed to change the remuneration arrangements for out-of-hours visits. The current special rate applies to all visits between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m. The proposal is to shorten the timescale to the hours of 10.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. in return for a special rate which is more comparable with the true cost of these visits. It is anticipated that the number of special visit claims will reduce as a consequence.

The proposed rates represent an average increase across all services of 4.2%. Based on the pattern of usage of services in 2002, the result of these changes is expected to cost an additional £80,000 in 2004, 60% (£48,000) of which is met by the Health Insurance Fund and 40% (£32,000) from general revenues. However, the true cost of the Scheme is dependent on the number of recipients and actual service usage and is expected to be met from within allocated cash limits. As at 30th September 2003, there were 3,839 HIE recipients.

Note: The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations increase the rates of benefit prescribed in Parts A and B of the Schedule to the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations 1967 by, on average, 4.2% in relation to medical services provided by an approved medical practitioner on or after 1st January 2004. The rates were last increased on 1st January 2003.



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Made

[date to be inserted]

Coming into force

1st January 2004

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 18 and 46 of the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967^[1] have made the following Regulations –

1 Interpretation

In these Regulations, “principal Regulations” means the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations 1967^[2]

2 Schedule substituted

- (1) For the Schedule to the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.
- (2) The rates of benefit prescribed in the Schedule to the principal Regulations (as substituted by paragraph (1) of this Regulation) shall apply in relation to medical services provided by an approved medical practitioner on or after 1st January 2004.

3 Repeal

The Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 57) (Jersey) Regulations shall be repealed.

4 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 58) (Jersey) Regulations 200 and shall come into force on 1st January 2004.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2(1))

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(Regulation 2(2) and (3))

A. Rates of benefit in respect of medical services generally

	<i>Service</i>	<i>Rate of benefit</i> £
(1)	For medical services provided at the approved medical practitioner's surgery	17.35
(2)	For medical services provided elsewhere than at the approved medical practitioner's surgery, on any day other than a Sunday or public holiday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.	28.80
(3)	For medical services provided elsewhere than at the approved medical practitioner's surgery -	70.00
	(a) on a Sunday or public holiday, or	
	(b) on any day, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. the following day	
(4)	Where medical services are provided for an insured person as specified in item (2) or item (3), for medical services provided, on the same premises and during the same visit, for another insured person	17.35

B. Additional rates of benefit in respect of particular medical services

	<i>Service</i>	<i>Rate of benefit</i>
		£
(1)	Injection (where drug supplied by medical practitioner and syringe of disposable type used)	6.85
(2)	Blood test	6.85
(3)	Insertion of vaginal ring pessary (where appliance supplied by medical practitioner)	7.45
(4)	Stitching of minor wound, etc.	6.85
(5)	Minor operations (where no, or only local, anaesthetic is used and including the cost of stitching but excluding the cost of any anaesthetic used)	23.95
(6)	Electrocardiogram	32.55
(7)	Ear syringing	6.85
(8)	Pregnancy urine test	15.10
(9)	Letter from a medical practitioner to a consultant or specialist at the General Hospital referring a patient for examination	6.85
(10)	Cervical smear	7.45
(11)	Cryo-surgery	6.85".

[1] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 1966-1967, pages 550 and 578 and Volume 1984-1985, page 210.*

[2] *Nos. 5005, 5290, 5646, 34/2000, 198/2001, 117/2002 and 166/2002.*